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# ELEVEN PERISH IN HONG KONG'S FIRST GASOMETER EXPLOSION

## JAPANESE COMPETITION IN CUBA

United States May Assist Chile.

ORIENT'S ADVANTAGE IN FREIGHT RATES

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL.  
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Washington, To-day.

IT IS AUTHORITATIVELY LEARNED THAT THE AMERICAN STATE DEPARTMENT IS EXAMINING THE POSSIBILITIES OF ASSISTING CHILE TO COMPETE WITH JAPAN ON TERMS OF EQUALITY IN CARIBBEAN TRADE, AS THE RESULT OF THE SUGGESTION OF THE CHILEAN CHARGE D'AFFAIRS, SENOR EMILIO BELLO, FORMERLY MINISTER TO CUBA.

The statement is reported to have been informally made to the State Department.

Last year, Chile marketed 950,000 pesos worth of beans in Cuba, but Japan has gained an increasing portion of the Cuban bean market because the rates between Valparaiso and Havana are \$11.50, as compared with \$8.00 between Yokohama and Havana.

Even Tientsin enjoys a \$2.00 advantage over Valparaiso.

The American-owned Grace Line has at virtual monopoly of freight from Chile to the United States, and would be concerned primarily in any attempted reduction of rates.

Chile is confident that her sales of dried peas, lentils and onions could be extended under more equal rates.

—United Press, per S. C. Gold Bar Co.

## AMERICA'S WAR ON CRIME

Big Sum To Equip Federal Agents.

MORE MEN AND ARMAMENTS

Washington, To-day.

A war chest of between U.S.\$2,500,000 and U.S.\$3,000,000 to equip the Federal detective forces is understood to be under consideration by the American Department of Justice.

The measure would involve the addition of 270 men to the forces, and the provision of 20 armoured cars, 200 police cars, machine-guns, rifles and bullet-proof vests.—Reuter.

## STEEL RECOVERY CONTINUES.

High Record For 4 Years Expected This Week.

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Youngstown, To-day.

It is anticipated that the United States steel production will reach 67 per cent. this week, the highest for four years.

It is reported that the mills have sufficient orders to operate at above 60 per cent. for at least six weeks.

—United Press, per S.C. Gold Bar Co.

## WEATHER FORECAST

Cloudy, with moderate east winds, was the weather forecast issued this morning by the Royal Observatory.

## DEVASTATED AREA AT WEST POINT SEVENTY ADMITTED TO HOSPITAL

SALESIAN FATHER COMMENDED FOR RESCUE WORK

ELEVEN PEOPLE, INCLUDING TWO CHILDREN, ARE KNOWN TO BE DEAD AS THE RESULT OF THE EXPLOSION WHICH OCCURRED AT THE GAS COMPANY'S WORKS AT WEST POINT AT 11 A.M. TO-DAY. THE DISASTER RANKS AS ONE OF THE WORST IN THE ANNALS OF THE COLONY. A GAS COMPANY OFFICIAL SAID THAT IT WAS THE FIRST GASOMETER EXPLOSION IN THE HISTORY OF THE COLONY.

It is feared that other bodies may still be in the debris of the surrounding houses which were demolished by the blast and flames, and late this afternoon, the Police and Fire Departments were still working feverishly among the ruins.

MORE THAN 70 PEOPLE, HALF OF WHOM ARE SERIOUSLY INJURED, HAVE BEEN ADMITTED TO THE GOVERNMENT CIVIL HOSPITAL. EIGHT OF THE VICTIMS WERE SO TERRIBLY MUTILATED THAT THEY DIED BEFORE 2.3 P.M. SEVERAL OTHERS ARE NOT EXPECTED TO LIVE.

Thirteen houses in ruins in the vicinity of the Gas Works bear silent testimony to the terrific force of the explosion and the roaring conflagration which followed.

Two blocks of tenement houses were mainly affected by the explosion, the Clarence Terrace, which stands on the same ground level as the gasometer, and only 30 feet away, and Darley Terrace, situated off High Street, and above Clarence Street, directly facing the gasometer.

The first intimation of fire, as given by the residents of the two terraces, was that of a terrific explosion which shook the buildings to their foundations.

A sheet of flame extending some 50 yards then followed almost simultaneously, settling on fire the flat at the entrance of Darley Terrace.

Several steel plates were ripped from the side of the gas-container, which immediately sank to the ground with a heavy thud, tearing further plates as it crashed past the lattice pillars.

Panic and disorder followed as the two buildings, filled with gas fumes, burst into flames. The occupants of the building rushed into the street, but those in the upper floors were in danger of being trapped by the flames. Many climbed to the roof and escaped over the tops of the other houses, while others rushed to the verandah, after peering down from the fourth storey, decided to make their escape by way of the roof.

Clothing, which had been hung out to dry on the verandah, first caught alight, and then the wood-work of the partitioning cubicles was soon ablaze. The wooden stairway was next to catch alight, and this cut off all means of escape by that route. Many were stated to have been asleep at the time, and were overcome by the fumes before they could get clear of the building.

The number of killed and injured can only be estimated at present, but after the first outbreak several ambulance loads were conveyed to the hospitals, and, according to the police, somewhere in the vicinity of 100 must have been injured, many of whom are in a serious condition.

## 170 SCHOOL-CHILDREN ENDANGERED.

The St. Louis Industrial School, which is situated on the right-hand side of the gasometer, only 50 yards away, was fortunate to

be untouched by the explosion. Over 170 pupils were in their class-rooms at the time, but, following the explosion they were immediately dismissed.

The Rev. Father Wicrowak, Rector of the St. Antonio Church, nearby, rushed to Darley Terrace and rendered valuable aid to the authorities by quietening down the panic-stricken residents.

He rescued a Chinese male and women from the burning building, and, wrapping them in blankets on account of their numerous burns, immediately sent them to hospital. He also saved a small baby from the building, but the child was unfortunately beyond help at this stage. Bystanders and helpers highly commended his invaluable assistance.

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Wielding a golden trowel, Pope Pius XI is pictured as he began the work of sealing up the Holy Door, which he opened in 1933 to mark the beginning of Holy Year celebration. The ceremony was intended to conclude the period, but it was later decided to extend the Holy Year for 12 more months.

## QUEEN MARY TO CHRISTEN NEW CUNARD

King George Will Attend Launching Of 534 In September

The British determination to concentrate world attention on the Cunard superliner 534 is revealed in the announcement that Queen Mary will christen the vessel at the launching ceremonies, probably at the end of September. King George will also attend the ceremonies as a witness. This will be the first time Queen Mary has ever christened any vessel since she became Queen.

## LONGSHOREMEN STILL ON STRIKE

NEW YORK NOW INVOLVED.

Threat To All Branches Of Car Industry.

New York, To-day.

The strike of longshoremen on the Pacific Coast continues. Six policemen and three strikers were injured yesterday in minor riots at San Francisco and other ports.

The strike has spread to New York, but is not marked by violence there. The Secretary of the American Labour Federation, Mr. William Green, has issued a warning that strikes will occur in many branches of the automobile industry unless the strikers of the Fisher Body Company obtain their demands.—Reuter.

## STOCK EXCHANGE BILL PASSED.

Big Majority.

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL.  
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Washington, To-day.

The United States Senate has passed the Stock Exchange Bill by 82 votes to 18.

The Bill which was not weakened, now goes for conference to the House of Representatives.—United Press, per S.C. Gold Bar Co.

## TEDDY FINCHER ENGAGED

The forthcoming wedding of Mr. Edward Charles Fincher, office assistant of No. 4, Embankment Road, Kowloon, and Miss Marie Kacker, stenographer, of No. 8, York Road, Kowloon, is announced.

## TRUCE IN U.S. SILVER ACTION BATTLE DIES BILL MAY BE RECALLED

CONFERENCE EXPECTED WITH ROOSEVELT

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL.  
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Washington, To-day.

The United States Senate silver advocates have virtually called a truce to their campaign to force a vote on the remonetisation and nationalisation proposals.

Amplifying the position, Senator Thomas of Oklahoma said that the silver advocates had agreed that if President Roosevelt fails to sponsor suitable legislation they will call up the Dies Bill, although some consider the Dies Bill dead.

The Treasury Secretary, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, expects to confer with President Roosevelt early this week, after which the silver advocates expect to confer with President Roosevelt. It is anticipated that the silver advocates will then introduce a new Bill.

THERE APPEARS TO BE LITTLE DOUBT THAT THE PRESIDENT WILL AGREE TO CONSIDER SILVER AS PRIMARY MONEY, AND THAT HE WILL ALSO AGREE TO 25 PER CENT. SILVER RESERVE. HOWEVER, HE DOES NOT WANT TO BE BOUND TO ANY DEFINITE PURCHASE PLAN.

## SILVER REBELLION WILL BE CRUSHED.

President's Position Strengthened.

LEGISLATION MAY NOT SURVIVE VETO

SPECIAL TO CHINA MAIL.  
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Washington, To-day.

The Senate silver advocates have withdrawn the pending silver amendments to the Loans Industry Bill.

Senator Thomas, of Oklahoma, said that this was due to the fact that an agreement on the silver vote was assured, later.

President Roosevelt's command of the silver situation was strengthened when the Democratic Congress members assured him that they would crush any silver rebellion.

Observers believe that the silver advocates have been claiming more than they have really won from the Treasury Secretary, Mr. Henry Morgenthau, at the conference.

## RADICALS TO SUPPORT DOUMERGUE

French Party Purges Its Ranks.

PROMINENT LEADERS DROPPED

Clermont Ferrand, To-day.

The Congress of the Radical Party, the strongest Party in the French Chamber and Senate, has decided to continue to support M. Gaston Doumergue's National Government.

It also decided to exclude from the Party, a number of prominent leaders, alleged to have been involved in the Stavisky affair, including the Deputies, M. Andre Hesse, Vice-President of the Chamber of Deputies, M. Louis Proust, and also M. Dalimier, who is alleged to have signed a letter from the Ministry of Commerce to Stavisky which facilitated the swindle, and M. Rene Renoult, former Minister of Justice for the alleged use of his Parliamentary influence to interfere in the course of justice against Stavisky.—Reuter.

## 10,000 FLOCK TO FUNERAL OF O.G.P.U. CHIEF

Remains Buried In Kremlin Wall.

BRITISH AMBASSADOR'S WIFE ATTENDS

Moscow, To-day.

Ten thousand people packed the Red Square, here, yesterday afternoon when the ashes of Menzinsky, the O.G.P.U. chief, were buried in a niche in the wall of the Kremlin.

The urn was carried on a litter borne by high officials of the Soviet, including the General Secretary of the Communist Party, M. J. V. Stalin.

The only diplomatic representative present was Mr. N. H. H. Charles, Councillor of the British Embassy, who accompanied the wife of the Ambassador Lady, Chilton.

The ceremony concluded with an artillery salute and a parade of O. G. P. U. soldiers, cavalry, and artillery, while aeroplanes flew over the Square.—Reuter.

## ARISTOCRATS OF SOVIET.

Revolutionary Workers Honoured.

TITLED ORDER INSTITUTED

Moscow, To-day.

"Znat (notable) of the Soviet Union" is the title of a new grade of the Russian Communist Society, to which distinguished workers of the revolutionary cause, and holders of Soviet titles belong.

Prominent members of the new proletarian aristocracy include Nikita Khrushchev, a coal-miner, who was awarded the Order of Lenin for outstanding work for the revolution, Anna Kipenko, a Ukrainian collective farm worker who had her husband discharged from his job for drunkenness, and Vladimir Tomke, a locomotive driver who showed exceptional bravery in avoiding a railway disaster.—Reuter.





# The WOMAN'S Page



## Full Skirts Return to Paris

Fashions Influenced By  
World Events.

UTILITY CLOTHES ARE SEEN  
EVERY WHERE

Paris.

It's hard to believe, but in the old days here it was used to come to her fittings at Henry Creed's (in the Rue Royale) in a carriage drawn by two mules. They weren't white either, just ordinary gray mules.

Such a sight would look somewhat exotic to-day, despite the fact that, during the taxi strike the fashions from the Bois have been pinch-hitting in an amusing way, and after the theatre especially, one sees quantities of ancient means of transportation parked in the Grand Boulevards to convey the elite to their homes.

And as if the dressmakers here had anticipated this revival of the old scene, skirts are more than sufficiently full (or slit or made sleekly) to step with ease and grace from the sidewalk to the carriage steps.

Definite "trends" in style have been influenced by various happenings and everyone knows that more often than not, necessity is the Mother of Invention. Whatever our needs are for current living, our clothes must keep in step, and in this epoch of action and emergency, clothes are typified by liveliness, comfort, and general utility.



## Fashion War on Wrinkles

Non-Crushable Silks  
Produced.

BERETS AND SCARVES PERSIST

Designers have realized at last that crushing and crumpling are not what one looks for in silk, that silk dresses must often be packed, that ladies do sit down, even in silks.

A war on wrinkles has apparently been declared by the best looms and the result is a number of very lovely quite non-crushable silks.

One piece which would be lovely as dress or ensemble is a soft, rich fabric which can be used as shot white on a navy ground or reversed for a lighter effect. Just think what opportunities of self-trimming that offers.

Blistered woven (note that significant word woven) crepes are also non-crushable and Maltese silk is booked for popularity. Cellanese satins in soft, vague patterns will also be bought by women who know their styles.

Then there's another refinement of workmanship in an angelskin finish lock knit Cellanese, in the two-way weave. Crepe-de-chines and marocains in art silk are to be had this season, and in some charming designs, and the new georgettes and voiles are seductive.

Elephant crepe, heavy and effective in a crinkly cotton will make up into smart dresses or costumes that can be worn without slips. Wool pique in pastel shades is an ideal material for spring days that carry a deceptive shivery undertone despite the sun that leads one to wear light clothes.

Little sweaters, white and coloured, with short sleeves and semi-roll collars are definitely endorsed by fashion arbiters. The beret and scarf craze persists and some new light wool sets which have just been received should meet the requirements of these breezy days.

## Black Souffle



Black souffle forms this charming evening gown; dignified lines of which are so well suited to the statuesque beauty of Sylvia Sydney, screen star. The ruffles trailing to the back form a long train. Shoulder straps and T strap at back are created in white chiffon laces trimmed with pearls.

## FLAT CLIPS HOLD BRASSIERES.

Flat little clips for fastening brassieres at the back become completely "bumpless" once you snap them shut, and work at the first attempt. This clip idea is to be found in brassieres of all types and for evening wear they're quite the helpful gadgets for décolletages. A little loop fastened inside the low back of your dress, and you clip your bra firmly in place and forget it for the rest of the evening.

## HATS LIKELY TO COST MORE.

Intricate Bows And  
Feather Decorations.

Dress is greatly assisted by the trend in this season's millinery. The designers of hats are introducing more costly and dressier styles. There is not necessarily much trimming, but this trend is seen in the amount of handwork used, and the variety of fabrics, feathers and novel straws.

Although soft straws designed on simple lines, have possibly but a bow or tiny feather fantasia as decoration, this is sure to represent the most intricate workings.

A shining up-turned small type of sailor straw in navy is smartly trimmed with a black and scarlet ribbon of cellophane, tied in two or three small bows. A brim-veil may be added to emphasise the fly-away look of the lighter spring shapes.

## CAPIES ARE CHIC FOR EVENING.

Jewellery Coming Into  
Its Own.

A small cape in still being worn in the evening; the thing is to have one which every other woman would like to copy—such as a capelet made of a mass of bright-coloured taffeta flowers with a perfectly plain dress. The value of the jewellery worn in the evening just now must be fabulous. Earrings are the ornament of the moment, made in the new fashion to the shape of the lobe of the ear. They are apt to feel a trifle burdensome as the evening wears on.

The hair, too, must be trimmed, and clasps are preferred, although one band made of tiny wild-flowers to match the floral pattern chiffon dress has been noticed. The idea is to have a couple of jewelled clasps to match one on your frock—altogether a very expensive proceeding!

## FASCINATING FABRIC PATTERNS

New Developments In  
Weaving Industry.

FALSE HERRINGBONE AND  
COAT-OF-MAIL DESIGNS

Paris.

THERE are now so many tricks in the weaving trade that one becomes dizzy trying to see what's real and what just looks that way. But help! Trickery is considered one of the smartest characteristics of the fabric industry.

Carlin is a master, par excellence, of his business of material confusion. He says himself about his new weave called Potiniere that it is "a beautiful technical achievement of a sports woolen fabric imitating a mesh weave like the old coats of mail, with rough, uneven dots sprinkled over the surface that stands out like shiny sequins on a dull background."

Imitation Tweed.

Filigran is a false herringbone wool, the diagonal lines simulating the weave of tweed are put on top of the fabric instead of being woven into it. Pattern is another of getting into something new.

A checked design is covered over with a screen of diagonal lines—he sort of design one might make with a pencil while waiting for a delinquent telephone operator to plug in the number you asked for 15 minutes ago.

In fact, it is rumoured that one fabric designer deliberately made a study of such marks made by all of his friends, and even compared them, choosing the best lines from each subconscious drawing!

## COLOUR AND MATERIAL

Darkest blue surah—the material of the moment—should be used for the dress the sleeveless waistcoat being of dull, sage blue flannel, and the swagger coat of palest blue—almost white—linen.



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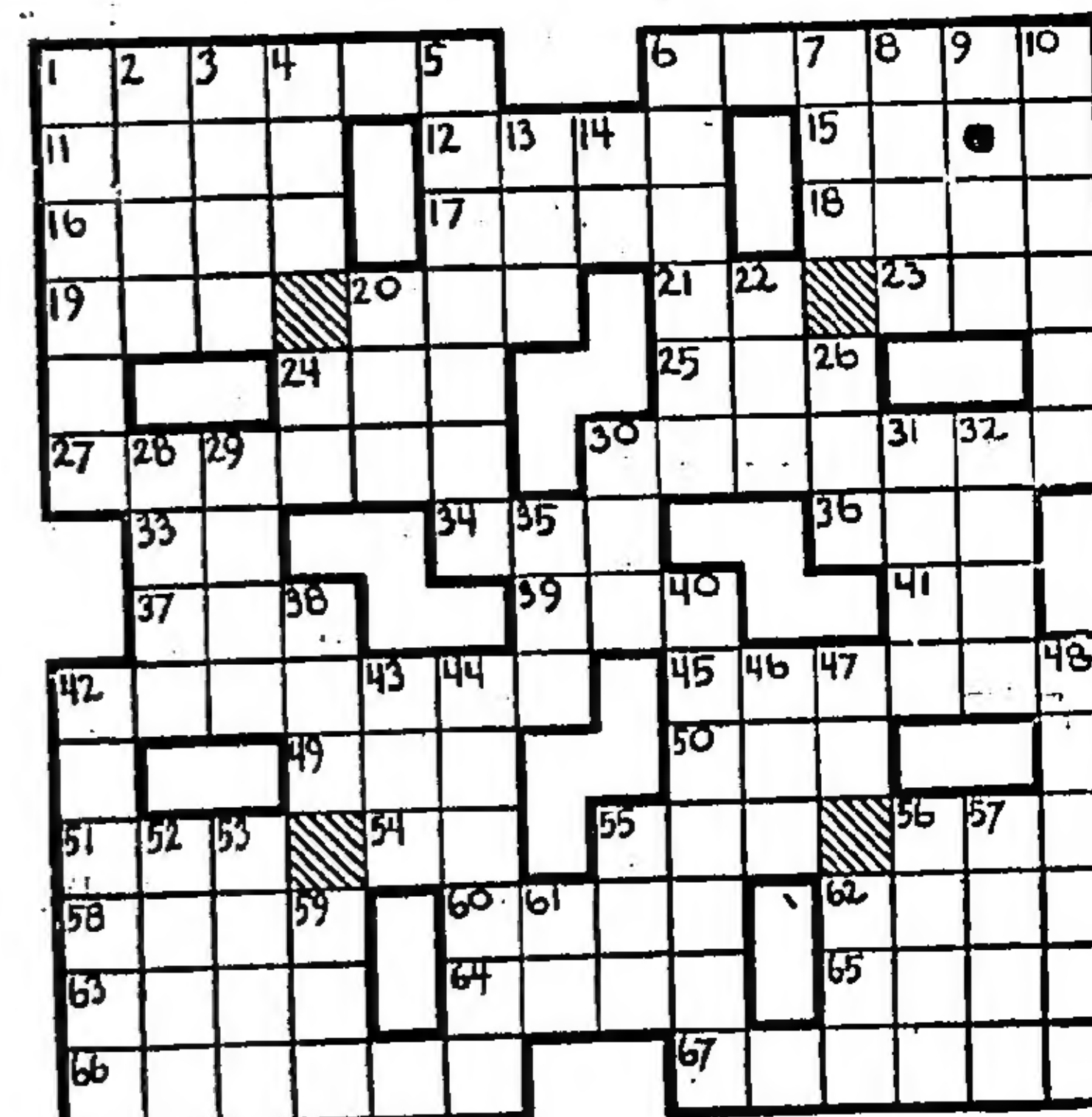
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## DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE

This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spelling, such as harbor, plow, and altho.



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|-------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------|
| <b>HORIZONTAL</b>       | <b>HORIZONTAL (Cont.)</b> | <b>VERTICAL (Cont.)</b> |
| 1-Oral                  | 54-Half an em             | 20-Raw metal            |
| 6-Ball                  | 55-Terminate              | 22-Prefixed Wrong       |
| 11-Large lake           | 56-Golf mound             | 24-Near by              |
| 12-A metal              | 58-Organ of hearing       | 26-Fondle               |
| 15-Part of a cook stove | 60-Languages of the       | 28-Perals               |
| 16-Safely               | Scottish High-            | 29-Carol                |
| 17-Part of the face     | landers                   | 30-Grow old             |
| 18-Canvas shelter       | 62-Rescue                 | 31-Egyptian river       |
| 19-Point of compass     | 63-Melody                 | 32-Rend                 |
| (abbr.)                 | 64-Affirm                 | 35-Swift                |
| 20-Uneven               | 65-Pleced out             | 38-Recent               |
| 21-A printer's measure  | 66-Reclined               | 40-Those who darn       |
| 23-Fish eggs            | 67-Enticing women         | 42-Come into view       |
| 24-Part of "To be"      |                           | 43-A falsehood          |
| 25-Tear                 |                           | 44-The number nine      |
| 27-Head                 |                           | 46-Inane                |
| 30-Across               |                           | 47-And (Lat.)           |
| 33-Road (abbr.)         |                           | 48-Moves rapidly        |
| 34-Dip                  |                           | 52-Scarcely             |
| 35-Blind                |                           | 53-Greek goddess of     |
| 37-Girl's name          |                           | disorder                |
| 39-Crimson              |                           | 55-Point of compass     |
| 41-Musical note         |                           | (abbr.)                 |
| 42-A little angel       |                           | 56-Scize                |
| 46-Mohammedan           |                           | 57-Level                |
| governor                |                           | 59-Perched              |
| 48-Gain                 |                           | 61-Revised Version      |
| 50-Rodent               |                           | (abbr.)                 |
| 51-Prefixed. Before     |                           | 62-Series (abbr.)       |

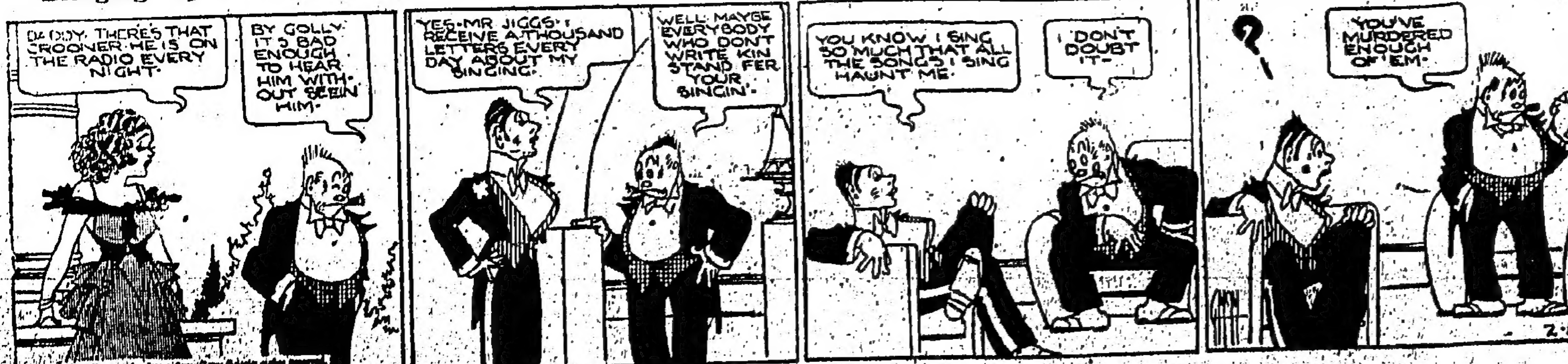
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### TO-DAY'S PROGRAMME

The following programme will be broadcast to-day from the Hong Kong Broadcasting Station Z.B.W. on a wave length of 355 metres (845 K.C.'s):—

1-2.15 p.m.—European Programme. 1 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report. 1.03 p.m.—Recorded Music. 1.15 p.m.—A Relay of the Hong Kong Hotel Orchestra from the Hong Kong Hotel Grill Room. 1.30 p.m.—Local Forecast, etc. 2.15 p.m.—Close Down. Violin and Piano Recital from The Studio. Recorded Programme from "Z.E.K." To-night. 5-8 p.m.—European Programme. 5-7 p.m.—A Relay of the Hong Kong Hotel Dance Orchestra from the Hong Kong Hotel Roof Garden. 7 p.m.—Closing Local Stock Quotations, etc. 7.03-7.20 p.m.—Review of Revues Played by Debroy Somers Band with Vocal Chorus by Dan Donovan. 7.20-8 p.m.—From the Studio. A Violin and Piano Recital by Miss Jose Radeski and Miss Mona Maclean.

Programme. 1. Kiss Me Again (Herbert). 2. Selection Gilbert and Sullivan (H. W. Higgs). 3. Violin Solo—Minuet (Paderewski arr. Kreisler). 4. Serenade (Toselli). 5. Suit 1, 2, 3. Merchant of Venice (Frederick Rose). 6. Song—"A Dream" (Sartlett). 8 p.m.—Local Time and Weather Report. 8.03-10.30 p.m.—Chinese Studio Concert. 10.30 p.m.—Close Down.

All Relay of the Hong Kong Hotel Orchestra are by courtesy of the Management. 8.30-10 p.m.—European Recorded Programme from "Z.E.K." on 640 Kilocycles. 8.30-8.45 p.m.—Band Selections From Light Opera. Selections. Pirates of Penzance (Sullivan). Les Cloches de Corneville (Planquette). Florodora (Stuart). The Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards. 8.55-9.10 p.m.—Chamber Music. Air From Suite in D—Transcription (Bach). Quartet No. 1 in D Major—Finale Allegro (Dittersdorf). The Lerner String Quartet. Italian Serenade in G Major (Hugo Wolf). 9.10-9.45 p.m.—Variety. Song—Brighter than the Sun. What more can I ask. Annona Winn (Soprano). Piano Solo—Can't we Talk it Over. Now That You're Gone. Carroll Gibbons and his Boy Friends. Vocal—Night and Day. Creole Love Call. Comedy Harmonists. Fox-Trot—You're Driving Me Crazy. Slow Fox-Trot—Stolen Moments. Rudy Vallee and His Connecticut Yankees. Vocal Duo—That's Why Darkies Were Born. Nevertheless. Layton & Johnstone. 9.45-10 p.m.—Violin Solos by Fritz Kreisler. La Fille Aux Cheveux De Lin The Maiden with Flaxen Hair (Debussy). En Bateau (Bartling) (Debussy). Dance of the Marionette (Winterson). Polichinelle Serenade (Kreisler). Kreisler Serenade (Franz Lehar). 10 p.m.—Close Down.

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## WHAT U.S. MINISTERS BELIEVE

Questionnaire Sent In Chicago.

### DIVERGENCE OF OPINION

Evanston, Illinois. A questionnaire sent to 1,039 Protestant ministers in Chicago, by the School of Education of Northwestern University, to try to discover just what the ministers think children of high school age should believe, brought answers from half that number, displaying a divergence of opinion on all the questions. Most of those who replied, however, agreed that they did not want children to believe that God sends storms, earthquakes and other disasters to punish people for their sins. Here are some samples of the questions asked, and the percentages of replies received:

Whether God keeps a record of one's bad deeds in a great book; 19 per cent. replied yes; 74 per cent., no; 7 per cent., uncertain.

Whether God spent millions of years making the world; 67 per cent., yes; 15 per cent., no; 18 per cent., uncertain.

Whether God sends storms, earthquakes and other evils to punish people for their sins; 17 per cent., yes; 72 per cent., no; 11 per cent., uncertain.

There was almost unanimity of opinion that children should be taught that God still runs the world and 98 per cent. of the ministers believed in teaching that God "speaks" through good men and women to-day.

They were almost evenly divided on the question, "Are we sons of God as much as Jesus?" 42 per cent. replied yes, 44 per cent., no, and the rest were uncertain.

Seventy-two per cent. agreed that Jesus was God, and 26 per cent. did not. Ninety seven per cent. agreed that children should be taught that Jesus is still living.

As to a "Judgement Day," 48 per cent. would teach that it is to come, 39 per cent. were against it, and 13 per cent. uncertain.—Reuter.

## HENS MUST WIPE THEIR FEET.

### U.S. Poultryman Seeks Cleaner Eggs.

Salinas, California. Before they lay their eggs, Mr. F. A. Hoddinot's hens must wipe their feet.

Eggs with clean shells bring the best prices, the poultryman thinks, and hens with muddy feet are usually responsible for messy-looking egg shells.

So Mr. Hoddinot has devised a concrete door mat with rollers on it. When the hens start walking to the laying coop, they have to climb up the mat. The rollers revolve and, as the hens pedal quickly to retain their balance, they wipe their feet clean.—Reuter.

### BRIDGE NOTES

## COSTLY OVERBIDDING

by Ely Culbertson.

Human greed plays an important part in the bidding of hands at Contract. Naturally we like to get all that is coming to us and then some, and at the same time we are anxious to deprive our opponents—for the moment, our enemies—of as much that is rightfully theirs as we can. Perhaps this is a rather crude explanation of some of the faults of overbidding that we see so often at the Bridge table. I have frequently said, and I reiterate, that it is much less costly to overbid than to underbid, but with all things there should be moderation and temperance.

I was watching a rubber of Bridge at Crockford's Club New York, recently, in which I saw a lady step entirely out of character to undertake a contract of five clubs as a defensive measure against vulnerable opponents when her sole honour holding was one Queen in a suit adversely bid and her trumps were a magnificent array of small cards, marshalled by a lordly eight-spot. The bidding itself was somewhat unique and unusual.

South, Dealer. North and South vulnerable.

NORTH:—S—10 7 H—A K 8 6 2 D—Q J 10 7 3 2 C—

WEST:—S—5 3 2 H—Q J 10 9 D—K 8 4 C—A K 9

EAST:—S—Q 9 8 6 H—7 4 D—5 C—8 6 5 4 3 2

SOUTH:—S—A K J 4 H—5 3 D—A 9 6 C—Q J 10 7

The bidding: (Figures after bids refer to numbered explanatory paragraphs).

South West North East 1/S Dbl. (1) 2 H (2) 3 C (3) 3/N T (4) 4 C (5) 4 D (6) 5 C (7) Dbl. (8) Pass Pass Pass

1—A somewhat shaded Double, but probably justified because of the score. After all, West is well prepared for a heart response and can stand either a diamond or club bid should his partner make it.

2—While North lacks adequate support for his partner's spade bid, he has a very fine two-suited hand and, of course, cannot permit the Takeout

## WHY CONVICTS EAT GLASS

Good Chance To Escape From Hospital.

### MAN CHEWS SPECTACLES

Stockholm. A man has been taken to hospital from the prison at Norrköping to recover from a diet of glass and steel wire.

The same man had only recently undergone an operation for the removal of pieces of wire which he had extracted from the mattress of his bed and eaten.

The theory is, according to a Norrköping newspaper, that if a prisoner gets admission to hospital, he has a much better chance of escape than in the well-guarded prison.

It is not unusual, the paper adds, for prisoners to devour objects which are usually associated only with the diet of the Ostrich.

One man is said to have broken up his spectacle and swallowed the pieces. He charitably shared his meal with a fellow-prisoner.—Reuter.

Double to prevent him from showing it.

3—A very daring bid, indeed, but East reasons that if there is any defence in the hand it must be in the club suit as spades and hearts have been bid adversely and so, by a process of elimination, West must be marked with honours in the club suit.

4—South hesitated between this and a Penalty Double of three clubs, but he finally decided that game should be available to North and South and that the markable game should be more valuable than a penalty from nonvulnerable adversaries.

5—West should pass. From his hand a contract of three no-trump looks fairly difficult. His Takeout Double was based on minimum values and he should thus visualise the probability that further bidding may result disastrously.

6—North feels that he must complete the picture of his fine two suited hand.

7—Certainly a daring bid.

8—South now feels that virtue and restraint bring their due reward. Refraining from doubling three for penalties with great effort, he now has the opportunity to double five.

To make a long story short, East in the play achieved a minimum of tricks and scored a total of only five, being defeated 1350 points. It was perhaps slight satisfaction, when the inevitable post-mortem followed, to see that North and South, with their holdings, could have made six diamonds, losing only 1 trick to the diamond King. However, it is highly improbable that North and South would have reached this contract in the face of the Takeout Double by West and the extremely strong bidding of both opponents.

## Amusements

### Cinema Notes

"QUEEN CHRISTINA"—QUEEN'S AND ALHAMBRA THEATRES

Greta Garbo, Hollywood's most enigmatic star, returns to the screen to eclipse her former triumphs in her latest starring vehicle, "Queen Christina," a picture of her own choice.

"Queen Christina" is the story of Sweden's glamorous Regent of the seventeenth century, who sacrifices her country and her throne for love, which irks the whole nation.

John Gilbert, Ian Keith, Lewis Stone, Elizabeth Young and other well-known stars lend excellent support.

"DEVIL TIGER"—KING'S THEATRE

The tense drama of two men, both loving the same woman, struggling in the Malaya jungle, is the theme of Fox's latest film, "Devil Tiger."

Kane Richmond and Harry Woods, supported by Marion Burns, who provides the love interest, are the big game-hunters in the film. Ah Lee, who plays the part of the little Chinese boy, acquits himself well.

The picture, which has been compared with "Bring 'Em Back Alive," was made in Malaya last year.

"FACING THE MUSIC"—STAR THEATRE

"Facing the Music," the British comedy, features Stanley Lupino in a highly entertaining film, full of brisk action and humour.

The supporting cast is a very strong one, including Joes Collins, Nancy Brown, Nancy Burne, Lester Matthews, Dennis Hoey and Morris Harvey.

Stanley Lupino, in the role of a young man who falls in love with the niece of a prima donna, becomes involved in a series of exciting problems before he succeeds in winning her hand.

"THE PRIVATE LIFE OF HENRY VIII"—ORIENTAL THEATRE

Notable for its excellence of acting, acting and production, "The Private Life of Henry VIII," is a clever satire on the Tudor Court of the 16th century which should be seen by every lover of good entertainment.

Produced by London Films, it has become a real epic of the screen, under the artistic directorship of Alexander Korda.

Charles Laughton gives an amazing performance as "bluff King Hal."

"THE DEEDS MEN DO"—CENTRAL THEATRE

"The Deeds Men Do," produced by the British Films Company, is the story of a stirring naval battle in a synchronised version. It is an authentic picture of the famous battles of Coronel and the Falkland Islands.

## O. HENRY'S HOME A SHRINE.

Texas Cottage To Be Preserved.

Austin, Texas.

The cottage in Austin to which Sidney Porter (O. Henry) brought his bride will be preserved as a shrine for future generations of admirers.

The dwelling with many-paned shuttered windows, a tiny front porch and a picket fence around it, will be moved to Old Brush Park, near the section of the city where Porter later lived.

O. Henry, who lived in the cottage shortly before 1900, when he was about 80 years old, worked as a clerk in the General Land Office and in a bank, also issuing a weekly publication called "The Rolling Stone."—Reuter.

### AIRMAN'S LAPSE

A strange aeroplane accident occurred in the aerial manoeuvres at West-ende in Belgium, for unknown reasons, an airman, making observations, slipped from his seat and plunged headlong into the depth. His parachute opened in time, but the strong wind drove the airman into the sea so that he disappeared in the waves before help could arrive. Up till now his body has not been recovered.



# Sporting Page

## CHINA SECOND TO PHILIPPINES IN FAR EASTERN OLYMPIAD

### Crimson Gridsters Get in Spring Practice



Although the Fall is a long way off, Harvard University's grid squad doesn't believe in letting the Eddie Casey is a believer in the maxim that practice makes perfect, so he's giving his gridsters plenty of it.

### JAMES WINS BILLIARDS AT SHAMSHUIPO

Close Victory Over Atkinson.

LINCOLNS TITLE

L/Sgt. T. James "C" Company beat Pte. Atkinson "H.Q." Wing by 400 points to 318 to win the Lincolnshire Regiment's Battalion Individual Billiards Championship before a crowd of 200 at Shamshuiipo last night.

The game which was 400 up, started at a good pace, James going ahead with breaks of 18, 38 and 26 and gaining a lead of 150 in 300. Atkinson was not playing with his usual confidence.

After passing the 300 mark, however, Atkinson played well, and wiped off nearly 100 of the arrears. To do this he made breaks of 23, 32, 19 and 20 in sequence. James again went to the front with a 31 and 27 and eventually won by 82 points.

At the conclusion the Commanding Officer, Lt. Col. E. J. de C. Boys, M.C., presented Cups and Cues to the successful competitors, and the following:

Semi-finalists—Sgt. Ash and Pte. Turner.

Highest Break—Sgt. Green, 57.

### MIXED DOUBLES TENNIS TO-DAY

Two Matches Open 1934 League.

### U.S.R.C. BADLY HANDICAPPED

The 1934 Lawn Tennis Mixed Doubles League will commence this afternoon with two matches.

The Chinese Recreation Club, the holders, are entertaining the Kowloon Cricket Club at Causeway Bay, and the United Services Recreation Club, last year's runners-up, are at home to the Ladies' Recreation Club at King's Park. Both matches are scheduled to commence at 5 p.m.

The K.C.C. will be strengthened this year by the inclusion of Mrs. Wilson, former Scottish Junior Champion, while the United Services will be handicapped by the loss of Mrs. James, Colony Champion, and Mrs. Lechner, her partner when she won the doubles title last year.

There is some doubt as to whether Miss Enid Lo, sister of the well-known local sportsman Messrs. M. W. and M. K. Lo, and former Colony champion, will be able to play for the Chinese R.C.

### STEWART WINS BOGEY POOL

Welcome Return To Fanling Contests.

BROOKS WINS QUALIFYING COMPETITION AT VALLEY

A. B. Stewart (3) signalled his return to competitive golf by winning the Bogey (Par) Pool with a card of all square from 33 entries over the Fanling course during the week-end.

C. H. Burton (13) was runner-up with one down. H. T. Brooks (85-23-62) won the May qualifying competition for the Adamson Cup at Happy Valley.

Other leading scores among the 62 entries were:—  
R. Young 76-5-71.  
H. N. Williamson 87-15-72.  
H. U. Ireland 79-6-73.  
T. D. Paton 87-14-73.



### HAPPY VALLEY GOLF.

Summer Tourney.

The results of the Hong Kong Golf Club, Happy Valley Section, Summer Competition to date are as follows:—

First Round.  
W. L. Alexander beat W. Pittendrigh six and four; R. C. Webb beat J. E. Dovey.

Second Round.  
L. Goldman beat C. Thwaites two up; N. Drummond beat A. C. Wilkinson two up; A. C. Young beat D. W. Phillips; J. A. R. Selby beat A. V. Baker five and four; A. Brooksbank beat G. Whitehead four and three; J. L. Adams beat T. R. Rowell two and one; J. Angwin beat A. W. Muir three up.

### HONG FOURSOMES AT KOWLOON.

Kowloon Wharf And Godowns Win.

ELECTRIC PAIR BEATEN

The Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company defeated the Hong Kong Electric Company in the Final of the Hong Foursomes at the Kowloon Golf Club yesterday.

Representing the winners, W. Groves and J. Eastman beat J. R. Way and W. Stoker, of the Electric Company, by 4 and 8 over 36 holes.

The golf on the whole was not

### SCHMELING HELD TO DRAW AT BARCELONA

Bout Against Uzcudun Over Twelve Rounds.

WORLD TITLE ASPIRANTS

Barcelona, To-day.

Paolino Uzcudun and Max Schmeling, former world heavyweight boxing champion, fought to a draw over 12 rounds here last night.—Reuter.

Schmeling recently injured his thumb, which caused the postponement of the fight in March, but it has since completely healed, and the ex-champion was stated to be in top form for the encounter.

Press reports from America state that Schmeling will probably meet the American heavy-weight, Steve Hanes, who beat him last year, in a return match at The Hague on July 1.

### DEFEATS BY CARNERA

Paolino Uzcudun, known as the "Basque Wood Chopper," has twice recently come up against Primo Carnera, world champion. Although he lost both encounters on points, Uzcudun showed himself to be a plucky fighter, taking severe punishment, but lasting the 15 rounds on both occasions.

His first encounter was on October 22 last year in Rome, Italy, and the second meeting was in January this year.

### FORMER WORLD CHAMPION

Max Schmeling, of Germany, secured the world title, to succeed Gene Tunney, when he won from Jack Sharkey on a foul in the fourth round on June 12, 1930.

He lost the title to Sharkey, however, on June 21, two years later, on a doubtful points decision.

He attempted to stage a comeback last year when he met Max Baer, but the latter gave him a severe setback by executing the k.o. in the tenth round. The fight took place in New York on June 8. Walter Neussel, German contender, is now in line to challenge Carnera for his title, following his win over Tommy Loughran, and it looks as if Uzcudun's chance of a third fight with the champion, may be indefinitely postponed.

of a high standard, but the Godown Co. had that little bit better play to give them the advantage. At the end of the first eighteen holes they were 2 up, and held a three hole lead at the 27th, eventually winning the match at the 38rd.

This is the first occasion the Godown Co. have been successful in winning the "Page Shield" in the "Hong" foursomes. Last year the shield was won by Lane, Crawford, Ltd., who defeated the Godown Co. in the Final.

### PHILIPPINES LEAD IN FAR EAST GAMES

China To Meet Java At Soccer To-day.

GAME THAT WILL DECIDE CHAMPIONSHIP

Volleyball Decider.

The Philippines are leading the competing countries in the Far Eastern Games at Manila, having four wins to China's 3, Japan's 2, and Java's 1.

This afternoon will witness the epic Soccer duel between China, who are the favourites, and Java. The winners of this game should secure the championship.

The Lawn Tennis series, between China and Japan, and the Philippines and Java, will be concluded to-day with the remaining fact that the Philippines and Japan have already won their rubbers.

The Volleyball game between China and the Philippines to-day should provide the champion team. Both teams have overcome Japan. The other events on to-day's programme are a Gymnastic demonstration, Boxing, and Pistol and Rifle shooting.

### JAPANESE LODGE PROTEST.

Running Track Too Short.

THREAT TO WITHDRAW NOW SETTLED

Manila, To-day.

China encountered a rough passage in yesterday's programme, winning only the Volleyball against Japan and losing the other contests.

The Japanese team entered a formal protest, alleging that the Chinese contingent had violated and made a substitution of the rules, but the complaint has not yet been decided.

The weather cleared up surprisingly, allowing all the contests to be held.

The Japanese Basketball team again bowed to the Philippines, who administered a smashing defeat by 51 goals to 35, causing the belief that the final of this event will be decided between China and the Philippines.

A local flurry was caused by the Japanese delegation, who surveyed the running track and found it to be eight millimeters short of the regulation distance.

They, therefore, threatened to withdraw from the running events, but the matter was eventually settled amicably.

The local papers are amusedly commenting on the importance of eight millimeters in a two or three miles' race.—Reuter.

### CYCLING CLUB'S ISLAND SPIN.

Bathing Picnic For Next Sunday.

Yesterday's Island spin of the Hong Kong Cycling Club was greatly curtailed by the inclement weather of the morning. A start was not made until 2 p.m., when, under the leadership of Mr. H. G. Grayford, the Hon. Secretary a moderate attendance met at Hennessy Road, and left Victoria by way of Tai Hang.

In order to add variety to the programme, next Sunday's run will include a bathing picnic, a halt being made near Castle Peak from approximately 2 p.m. till 5 p.m. The run will start at 10.30 a.m. from the Star Ferry, Kowloon, when Mr. H. A. G. Keates will lead the party via Tai-Po and Fanling to the bathing venue. Shamshuiipo will be reached about 7 p.m.

### RESULT OF FIRST TWO DAYS' GAMES

### JAPAN'S THIRD PLACE IN FRONT OF JAVA

TWO PROTESTS LODGED

Manila, Yesterday.

THE Chinese athletes led a brilliant and colourful parade to open the Tenth Far Eastern Olympic Games in Manila yesterday, and then demonstrated their undisputed superiority on the soccer field by crashing through to a 2 to 0 win over the Philippines, Tam Kong-pak and Lee Wai-tong scoring the goals.

The Chinese, not content with their football success, recorded an overwhelming basketball win over the Japanese by 42 to 27, gaining the warm admiration of American spectators who likened their tactics to those of Collegiate teams.

### FIRST DAY

### CHINA LEAD PARADE OF NATIONS

Dr. Wang Addresses 20,000 Crowd.

COLOURFUL OPENING TO OLYMPIAD

Manila, Saturday.

Colourful scenes marked the opening ceremonies, and the athletes of the competing nations were accorded a tremendous ovation as they paraded under the leadership of the Chinese contingent before a crowd of 20,000.

The Chairman of the Chinese Amateur Athletic Federation, Dr. C. T. Wang, briefly addressed the crowd, declaring that China was committed to the highest principles of international sportsmanship, but was at present handicapped by internal strife.

The Governor-General of the Philippine Islands, Mr. Frank Murphy, also made a brief speech, being followed to the microphone by Mr. Quezon, President of the Philippines Senate.

An early threat of rain cleared during the parade, and while the speeches were being made the heat was so terrific that a member of the Chinese delegation fainted and had to be assisted from the grounds.

An immense ovation was given to the officials as well as to the individual delegations. The Chinese were extremely popular, the large local Chinese community giving them a stirring reception.

The newly-built stadium, which was finally completed just in time for the Far Eastern Olympics, was filled to capacity. Among the spectators was the famous Warner Brothers film comedian, Joe E. Brown, who caused great hilarity during the baseball game.—Reuter.

### KHOO HOOI HYE WELL BEATEN.

Kho Offers Sterner Resistance.

Manila, Saturday.

The Chinese tennis players met their match against the more experienced Japanese aces and succumbed to superior match play.

The scores were:  
Sato (Japan) beat Khoo Hooi Hye 6-0, 5-4, 6-0.  
Yamada (Japan) beat Kho Sien Kie 6-3, 6-4, 6-1.  
In the meanwhile the Philippines triumphed over their Java rivals with the following results:  
Leonardo Garcia (P.I.) beat Hoesung 2-5, 4-4, 6-2, 7-5.  
Francisco Aragon (P.I.) beat Soanavilla 6-0, 6-4, 6-2.—Reuter.

### RESULTS TO-DATE

Football.  
CHINA 2 PHILIPPINES 0  
JAVA 7 JAPAN 1

Basketball.  
CHINA 42 JAPAN 27  
PHILIPPINES 51 JAPAN 35

Lawn Tennis.  
JAPAN 3 CHINA 0  
PHILIPPINES 3 JAVA 0

Volleyball.  
PHILIPPINES 3 JAPAN 1

Baseball.  
PHILIPPINES 25 CHINA 1  
JAPAN 20 CHINA 1

### WOMEN'S GAMES.

Volleyball.  
PHILIPPINES 3 CHINA 0

### SECOND DAY

### CHINA WIN AT VOLLEYBALL.

Japanese Protest Undecided.

Manila, To-day.

In the Volleyball yesterday the Chinese team bitterly contested every inch of the game and eventually emerged victorious over Japan by 18 to 21, 21 to 13, 16 to 21, 21 to 10 and 21 to 14.

The Japanese team entered a formal protest alleging that the Chinese contingent had violated and made a substitution of the rules, but the complaint has not yet been decided.—Reuter.

### Chinese Girls Beaten By Philippines.

Manila, To-day.

The Chinese girls' Volleyball team yesterday lost in a close contest to the Philippine girls by scores of 21 to 13, 21 to 10 and 22 to 20.—Reuter.

### PHILIPPINES AND JAPAN WIN.

Tennis Rubbers Are Decided.

Manila, To-day.

In the Lawn Tennis matches, yesterday, the Chinese double players, Khoo Hooi-Hye and Kho Sien-kie lost to the Japanese pair, Sato and Yamagishi, by 6-3, 7-5, 6-2.

Meanwhile, the Philippine pair defeated Java, Zamora and Dly outclassing the Hoesung brothers by 6-1, 8-6, 6-3, 7-5, 6-2.—Reuter.

### CHINESE ROUTED AT BASEBALL.

Matty Chang Scores Lone Tally.

Manila, To-day.

The Chinese Baseball team was yesterday again ignominiously defeated, the Japanese overwhelming them by 20 runs to 1.

China's lone tally was scored in the sixth-innings by Matty Chang. The scores were:—

R. H. E.  
China 1 3 3  
Japan 20 14 3  
—Reuter.

### JAVA SOCCER TEAM BEAT JAPAN.

Keen Game Against China Expected.

Manila, To-day.

Japan bowed to two bitter defeats in the course of yesterday's events, the Java football team being much too strong for the Nippon players and handing them an easy pasting, by 7 goals to 1.

Java was not extended in this match, causing the spectators to believe that the final contest between China and Java will produce an exciting game.—Reuter.

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Mendelssohn—Concerto In E Minor . . . . . Szigeti (Violin) and Phil. Orch.  
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# AMERICA'S BIG CHALLENGE FOR DAVIS CUP

## CAVALCADE FAILS TO WIN THE "DOUBLE"

Beaten By Head In  
Preakness

HIGH QUEST BREAKS  
TRACK RECORD

Baltimore, To-day.  
Mrs. Isabel Dodge Sloan's  
Cavalcade, winner of the Kentucky  
Derby, was beaten out of the  
"double" by a head by High Quest  
in the Preakness Stakes, valued at  
\$25,000, on Saturday.

Mr. Alfred Gwynne Vanderbilt's  
Discovery was only a head behind  
Cavalcade for third place in the  
field of seven starters. Discovery  
was second to Cavalcade in the  
Kentucky classic.

High Quest covered the 9 1/2  
furlongs in 1:58.1 to establish  
new track figures for this  
race, beating the former re-  
cord, held jointly by Coventry  
and Mate, by four-fifths of a  
second.

The result as cabled by Reuter  
was:

1. High Quest (1 to 2)
2. Cavalcade (1 to 2)
3. Discovery (7 to 1)

Time: 1:58.1.

The following horses have won  
the Pimlico classic for 3-year-olds:

- 1918—War Cloud (117).
- 1919—Sir Barton (126).
- 1920—Man O'War (126).
- 1921—Broomspun (114).
- 1922—Pillory (114).
- 1923—Vigil (114).
- 1924—Nelly Morse (121).
- 1925—Coventry (126).
- 1926—Display (126).
- 1927—Bostonian (126).
- 1928—Victorian (126).
- 1929—Dr. Freedland (126).
- 1930—Gallant Fox (126).
- 1931—Mate (126).
- 1932—Burgon King (126).
- 1933—Head Play (126).
- 1933—High Quest (126).

The fastest time over nine fur-  
lows was 1:51.3, recorded in 1920  
and 1922. The distance for the  
race was changed in 1925.

Victorian's win in 1928 netted  
\$60,000 in stakes.

## FAVOURITE WINS KENTUCKY DERBY

Cavalcade Pays Out  
\$5 for Win.

DISCOVERY BEATEN BY  
2 1/2 LENGTH

Louisville, May 5.  
Cavalcade, ridden by Mack  
Garner, to-day won the Kentucky  
Derby and a \$28,175 purse in  
convincing fashion. Coming  
with a rush in the home stretch,  
Cavalcade passed the winning  
post 2 1/2 lengths in front of Mr.  
John Simonetti's Discovery, who  
took second place from Mrs.  
Frank J. Heller's Agrarian by a  
scant margin.

Cavalcade, owned by the Brook-  
made Stables, was coupled with  
Time Clock in the betting and paid  
\$5 to win, \$4 to place, and \$3.20 to  
show, for \$2 tickets. Discovery  
paid \$9.20 to place and \$5.80 to  
show. Agrarian returned his show  
backers \$5.

The winner was a heavy favour-  
ite and the crowd of 75,000, the  
largest in the history of the Amer-  
ican Turf classic, went wild with  
enthusiasm when he staved off Dis-  
covery's spurt in front of the  
stands. The track was very fast,  
but though the field got away to a  
good start, the time was relatively  
slow, Cavalcade being clocked in 2  
min. 4 sec., or 2 1/5 sec. slower  
than the record for the race, made  
by Twenty Grand when he did  
2:01.4 in 1931.

FILLY'S GAME RACE  
Mata Hari, the game little filly of  
Mr. Charles T. Fisher, set the pace  
in the early running, but did not  
have quite enough stamina to stay  
on top, finishing a good fourth.  
Other entries finished in the follow-  
ing order:—Mr. J. E. Widener's  
Pence Chance; the Greentree  
Stable's Spy Hill; the Brookmade  
Stable's Time Clock; Mrs. J. H.  
Whitney's Singing Wood; Col. E. R.  
Bradley's Bazaar; Mr. J. H. Lou-  
choin's Speedmors; Mr. John  
Simonetti's Sergeant Byrne; Mr.  
Alexander Gordon's Sir Thomas;  
and Mrs. E. F. Simms' Quasi Modo.  
—United Press.

This running of the Derby was

Laugh and Lather



Winding up the first day of his train-  
ing at La Moine, Mo., with plenty  
of soap and water. Primo Camera  
takes time out from his ablutions to  
bestow a huge grin on the camera.  
He is determined to get into the  
shape of his life for his title bout  
with Max Baer in June.

## WYATT WILL LEAD ENGLAND IF REQUIRED

"Team Will Captain  
Itself."

SUGGESTED ELEVEN FOR  
INITIAL TEST

Leg Theory No Use

LONDON, APR. 12.  
R. E. S. WYATT, CAPTAIN OF  
WARWICKSHIRE AND FORMER  
ENGLAND SKIPPER, INTERVIEW-  
ED BY THE "DAILY EXPRESS,"  
WHICH DESCRIBES HIM AS THE  
PROBABLE ENGLISH CAPTAIN IN  
THE FIRST TEST MATCH  
AGAINST AUSTRALIA, SAID THAT  
HE WOULD CERTAINLY ACCEPT  
THE POSITION IF HE WERE ASKED  
TO SKIPPER THE ENGLISH  
TEAM.

"Anyhow, I hope I will be good  
enough to gain a place in some of  
the test teams," he said. "I have  
been asked to play against the  
Australians at Lord's on May 12.  
To my mind, it is easier to cap-  
tain an England Eleven than a  
moderate county team. The Eng-  
land team almost captains itself.  
All this talk about inspiring a test  
team means nothing to me. You  
do not have to inspire people like  
Hammond, Larwood, and Ames."

Questioned regarding leg-theory  
bowling Wyatt said: "I do not be-  
lieve it would be any good on  
English wickets, as the ball does  
not come through quickly enough.  
It might be useful to try two fast  
bowlers against the Australians,  
as some of them do not like fast  
bowling. As for packing the leg-  
side field, I do not believe it  
would come off here."

PROBABLE SELECTIONS  
Wyatt pointed out that the se-  
lections for the first test must be  
based largely upon reputation.

Obvious choices would be H.  
Sutcliffe, W. R. Hammond, H.  
Verity, L. Ames, H. Larwood,  
and probably E. Clark. He  
said that he thought R. W. V.  
Robins and M. Leyland were  
likely choices.

"But," he added, "we are hard  
up for a bowler of M. W. Tate's  
sort, who is able to keep the bat-  
men quiet while the fast bowlers  
are resting. W. E. Bowes might  
be the man if he would shorten  
his run, concentrate on length, and  
slow down his pace a bit.

I believe the Australians will  
turn out a very fine side. One of  
the new stars should be W. J.  
O'Reilly, who is as good a right-  
hand medium-paced spin bowler as  
I have ever seen, but it seems to  
me that the Australians are tak-  
ing a risk coming without a left-  
hand bowler, apart from L. Fleet-  
wood-Smith, who bowls a freak  
stuff."

the sixtieth and Colonel Matt Winn,  
head man of the big spectacle at  
Churchill Downs, is making special  
preparations to mark the anniver-  
sary. The Derby first was run in  
1875 and Colonel Winn has seen  
every renewal. As a small boy he  
was held up by his father who  
stood on a wagon parked in the in-  
field when Aristides won. That  
first race was started by the tap of  
a drum.

## OLYMPIC GAMES

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MARKSMEN AT  
THE GAMES.

Team Pistol Match  
For To-morrow

CHINESE INTEREST

The free pistol match and the  
International Dewar free-rifle  
match, to be held under the aus-  
pices of the Far Eastern Olym-  
pic games, and conducted by the  
Philippine Shooting League has  
created a great deal of interest,  
not only among the Islands' re-  
marksmen, but is creditably re-  
flected in the fact that the dele-  
gation of Chinese athletes, imme-  
diately upon their being domicil-  
ed at La Salle College, proceeded  
to register five contestants in  
each of the individual events, as  
well as in the team matches.

Team Pistol Match

The team pistol match will be  
held at the Motorboat and Gun  
Club Range, Farranlue, Rezil, to-  
morrow, using the same time for  
firing orders and under similar  
conditions as for the individual  
match, teams will probably be  
composed of five men, the high ag-  
gregate scores to count. Prizes:  
silver and bronze medals to the  
winner and runner up.

Individual Rifle Match

On Motorboat and Gun Club  
Range, Camp Claudio,  
Paranaque  
May 17  
Free Rifle. Rifles without re-  
striction as to barrel length weight,  
set triggers, or accessories. Metal-  
lic sights only may be used.

International Dewar match on  
international targets consisting of  
twenty shots at 100 metres in two  
stages of ten minutes per stage  
and twenty shots at 50 metres in  
four stages of five minutes per  
stage.

Drawings for place in the in-  
dividual rifle match are as follows:

First Order  
7:00 a.m., May 17  
Target No. 1 J. M. Kane, USN,  
9 reserved for Chinese entry, 3  
Sgt. Aquino, 4 Mr. "X", Los Banos  
Agricultural College, 5 Lt. C. G.  
Rau, USA, 6 reserved for Chinese,  
7 C. Pescante, 8 1st Sgt. de Yro  
9 Johnny Harris, 10 Modesto Flor-  
res, 11 Victor Baltazar, 12 Capt.  
I. P. Villasantia.

Second Order  
7:30 a.m., May 17  
Target No. 1 reserved for Chi-  
nese entry, 2 Leandro Ocampo, 3  
Mr. Grino, Agricultural College  
Los Banos, 4 Mr. Moyco, Agricul-  
tural College, Los Banos, 5 Delin  
Haranilla, Jr., 6 reserved for Chi-  
nese, 7 Jimmy Harris, 8 R. Dixon,  
9 Angel Rivera, 10 Pfc. Pasco, 11  
Dr. R. Soler, 12 Pvt. Binondo.

Third Order  
8:00 a.m., May 17  
Target No. 1 I. L. Bagaolsan, 2  
R. G. Johannsen, 3 A. D. Hileman  
4 Teodoro Kalaw, Jr., 5 Mamerto  
Euenafe, 6 Martin Gulson, 7 Cpl.  
Pasaporte, 8 reserved for Chinese,  
Mariano Nava, Jr., 10 Clemente  
Cagao-an.

The 50 metre match will be fired  
with the same orders, and firing  
places as follows:  
1st Order—10:30 a.m.  
2nd Order—11:00 a.m.  
3rd Order—11:30 a.m.

The times of the 50-metre match,  
while scheduled as above, may be  
advanced in case belated entries  
do not complete a 4th, 5th and 6th  
order.

As in the pistol match, two slight-  
ing shots will be allowed at each  
of the ranges. Prizes for this  
event, one gold, one silver and  
eight bronze medals.

Team Rifle Match

This match will be fired on  
Saturday, using the same firing or-  
ders and conditions as for the in-  
dividual match. Teams will be  
composed as stated for pistol  
match for teams.

# STRONGER TEAM THIS YEAR THAN LAST

STOEFFEN'S RIGHT TO BE  
NAMED NO. 1

THREE BEST DOUBLES PLAYERS  
IN SIDE

In picking Lester R. Stoeffen, Los Angeles; George M. Lott Jr.,  
Chicago. Francis X. Shields, New York; Wilmer L. Allison, Aus-  
tin, Texas and Sidney B. B. Wood Jr., New York, to report to R.  
Norris Williams, captain of the United States Davis Cup team,  
for preliminary practice in preparation for the coming campaign  
which is to end at Wimbledon this summer, the American selec-  
tion committee has undoubtedly named the best amateurs at the  
present time.

It is also the opinion in America that a stronger team will be  
developed from this squad, under the guidance of Dick Williams,  
than any that has represented the United States in a number of  
years. It may not win the trophy back this year; but it should  
come very close to it.

## AMERICANS FIRST GAME IN CUP SERIES

Meet Canada at  
Delaware

MAY 24 FIXED

New York, May 7.  
The United States Lawn Ten-  
nis Association has announced  
that the Wilmington, Delaware,  
Country Club, and Baltimore,  
Maryland, Country Club have  
been chosen as sites for first and  
second-round competition, re-  
spectively, in the North American  
zone tie of Davis cup play.

The United States team will  
launch its competitive drive for  
the cup at Wilmington on May 24,  
25 and 26, against the Canadian  
team. The winner of that match  
will play Mexico at Baltimore on  
May 30, 31 and June 2.

Triumph in the North  
American zone ties will entitle  
the survivor to go to England  
for the interzone final, meet-  
ing the survivor of European  
zone play.  
The European interzone matches  
are scheduled for Wimbledon, En-  
gland, on July 21, 23 and 24. En-  
gland will defend the cup on July  
28, 30 and 31 in the challenge  
round.—United Press.

## OLYMPIC GAMES

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PHILIPPINES WIN  
VOLLEYBALL.

Joe Yee Scores Run  
For China.

BIG BASKETBALL DEFEAT

Manila, Saturday.

The Philippines secured a well-  
merited win over the Japanese by  
21 to 18, 18 to 21, 21 to 7, and 21  
to 14 in the Volleyball contest.

The Baseball match between  
China and the Philippines result-  
ed in the complete rout of the  
Chinese team, who were unable to  
withstand the terrific onslaught of  
the Philippines team. Chang,  
Herbert Lee, Joe Kau and B.  
Chang successively pitched for  
China, but all were equally un-  
successful.

The Chinese hurlers were knock-  
ed from the box in the course of  
successive rallies in which the  
Philippines turned 18 hits into 28  
runs, while the visitors were un-  
able to score until the ninth in-  
ning.

The Philippines box score was:  
1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9  
5 1 0 1 0 4 11 0 3  
Bautista, the Philippines' hur-  
ler, split his finger stopping a hot  
grounder, and was forced to retire  
in the third inning.  
China's lone tally was register-  
ed in the ninth inning when Joe  
Yee doubled and tallied two in-  
field and out.

The final scores were:  
R. H. E.  
Philippines . . . . . 25 18 1  
China . . . . . 1 6 7  
Joe E. Brown, Warner Brother's  
film comedian, contributed comedy  
to this game.—Reuter.

The team, as named, has  
been selected on the basis of sin-  
gles play, yet it contains three of  
the best doubles players that the  
United States has to offer.

They are Lott, who is generally  
regarded as the best doubles player  
in the world, Stoeffen, who is co-  
holder with Lott of the United  
States doubles championship, and  
Wilmer L. Allison, who has won  
more than one important doubles  
match with John W. Van Ryn as his  
partner.

Last year Shields, Allison and  
Stoeffen were ranked Nos. 1, 2 and  
3 respectively in American singles  
circles; but, if play as it has pro-  
gressed up to the present time this  
year is taken into consideration, it  
looks very much as if Stoeffen were  
entitled to be ranked No. 1.

Unless there is a decided change  
in the situation between now and  
the time the Americans have to  
take the courts in cup play, Wil-  
liams can hardly do better than  
nominate Stoeffen and Shields for  
the singles and Stoeffen and Lott for  
the doubles.

Sternier Opposition  
For the past three or four years,  
Uncle Sam has been sending Davis  
Cup teams to Europe with fine pros-  
pects of regaining the famous cup  
only to see them fall before either  
France in the challenge round or  
Great Britain in the final of the  
interzone competition. The teams  
have looked good on paper, but have  
not been there on the courts.

Last year's elimination by Great  
Britain was especially discourag-  
ing, as, to the Americans, it was  
most unexpected. This year the  
opposition is going to be harder  
than it was in 1933.

Japan and Australia are out to  
make things very interesting for  
the United States before it can  
claim the right to challenge. Should  
it win that right, it will find a  
stronger British team defending  
than the one that it met in 1933, as  
reports from England state that  
Frederick J. Perry is a much better  
player than he was last year and  
that W. H. (Bunny) Austin has re-  
gained his old-time form.

To make up for the disappoint-  
ments of past years, the Americans  
will have to depend on improved  
playing and better leadership, and  
it now looks as if they would qualify  
in both.

## China Mail Sports Diary

TO-DAY.  
Contract Bridge—  
Second Round of open Tournament,  
5:30 p.m.  
Lawn Bowls—  
Entries close for Hong Kong Lawn  
Bowls Association Singles, Pairs  
and Rink Competitions.  
Tennis—Mixed Doubles League—  
Chinese R.C. v. Kowloon C.C.  
U.S.R.C. v. Ladies' R.C.  
Meetings—  
Hong Kong Football Association  
Council Meeting, 6:30 p.m.  
TO-MORROW  
Lawn Tennis—"A" Division—  
Chinese R.A. "A" v. Club "do"  
Recreo  
South China A.A. v. Craitengowar  
C.C.  
Indian R.C. v. Chinese R.C. "B"  
"B" Division—  
Kowloon C.C. v. Chinese R.C.  
"C" Division—  
Hong Kong C.C. v. U.S.R.C.  
THURSDAY  
Lawn Tennis—"B" Division—  
Kowloon C.C. v. University  
South China A.A. v. Indian R.C.  
Chinese R.C. v. Graduates Ass.  
Club do Recreo v. Hong Kong C.C.







## LITERARY NOTES

## TIME IT TAKES TO WRITE A NOVEL

Authors Spurred On By Financial Troubles.

## EDGAR WALLACE'S RECORD

Miss Loveday Prior, the young author of "A Law Unto Themselves," the "Evening Standard" Book of the Month for March, required only 40 days in which to write this, her first novel. The book is a long one of 458 pages.

A year is still regarded as about the average time for the writing of an important novel. Arnold Bennett, so methodical that he was able day by day to write in his journal, "Yesterday I wrote—Words," devoted between eight and twelve months to his best-known works writes an "Evening Standard" correspondent. One day Bennett came into the office of his agent and said that on a certain date he would bring in the manuscript of a story that would establish himself for all time. Not a line of it was written then.

On the exact day he had mentioned he appeared with the manuscript. It was "The Old Wives' Tale," 600,000 Words in Three Months.

I rank Scott and Trollope as the two quickest all-round workers among our great novelists. Trollope would knock out two chapters of a novel in a train from London to Manchester.

In 1867 he published four novels, three of two volumes each. In 1870 there were four books, three of two volumes; in 1879 two three-volume novels, two two-volume novels and a Life of Palmerston, a one-volume novel, two two-volume novels and a three-volume novel—the equivalent in length of nine modern novels.

Scott, heavily involved by the bankruptcy of his publishers, wrote in thirteen months "Ivanhoe," "The Monastery," "The Abbot" and "Kenilworth." "Woodstock" took less than three months.

Balzac, likewise spurred on by financial troubles, was even quicker. He completed six books, each of 100,000 words, in three months.

## Fast And Slow.

Edgar Wallace stands alone for rapid output. He wrote one 70,000-word novel in three days. But the dictaphone, a secretary, and a typist were all brought into use. So easily could he reel off his matter that he was generally ahead of them.

The other extreme is Conrad. He signed a contract for "The Rescue" on March 4, 1893. He finished it in 1914. It was published in 1920.

## P. G. WODEHOUSE AGAIN.

## Matrimonial Plot In New Novel.

Mr. P. G. Wodehouse is chiefly famous for his butlers and chinees young Englishmen, but he is also at his best when dealing with the virtuous not-so-young spinster. Miss Pillinger in "A Sea of Troubles" had been waiting 20 years to be insulted by Mr. Meggs, her employer. He on the other hand having decided on suicide, was merely taking what he considered a tender last farewell: "Smiles excepted, there is nothing so hard to classify as a kiss. Mr. Meggs' notion was that he kissed Miss Pillinger much as some great general, wounded unto death, might have kissed his mother, his sister, or some particularly sympathetic aunt."

Her subsequent attack on him and the exercise thereby involved cured Mr. Meggs of his dyspepsia and made him feel life was worth living after all.

## Browning And Byron MSS. Sold.

The sale of manuscripts and first editions in New York on April 4 and 5 was remarkable. The collection contained many MSS. of English authors, including 12 poems of Browning, Stevenson's autographed notes on "The Covenanters" and Byron's "Ode to Thomas Moore."

## Discoverers of Historical Ruins.



Captain Cornillon Molinier (left), photographed on arrival at Le Bouget flying field, Paris. He piloted the plane in which, accompanied by M. Andre Malraux, the French explorer and novelist, he stated to have passed over the legendary City of Sheba on the northern boundary of the Rub-el-Khali (the Great Desert of Southern Arabia) recently. Malraux set out secretly from Paris on February 22 with Capt. Cornillon-Molinier as pilot. Their object was to find the ruins of the city from which Balkis, Queen of Sheba, travelled to Palestine to see King Solomon. The search involved a flight of about 1,000 miles over an unexplored part of the desert.

## Literary Slimming Out Of Fashion

## Stout Volumes Released By Publishers

## RETURN OF THE RUSSIAN NOVEL

(By Howard Spring.)

The novelists continue to give us detail piled on detail. Literary slimming is out of fashion; in fiction, as in chorus girls, we are returning to an Edwardian amplitude.

Two publishers recently decided that unusually fat books need not demand unusually fat prices. There has been a tendency of late for a book stouter than the normal to be priced at anything between eight shillings and half a guinea. But "And Quiet Flows the Don," Mikhail Sholokhov (Putnam, 755 pages), and "Child of Norman's End," by Ernest Raymond (Casell, 521 pages) cost the same as "Parable for Lovers," by Lewis Gibbs (Dent, 246 pages). They are 7s. 6d. each.

Just before the war there was a great run on the Russians. Chiefly through the energy of Mr. Aviner Maude and M. Garnett, we all had access to Tolstoy and Turgeniev, Tchekov and Dostolevsky; and our growing devotion to a dark and brooding world of insomnia, debility, frustration and hallucination led the late Arnold Bennett. I remember, to utter a word of warning. He pointed out the profound cleavage between the British and the Russian attitude to life, and questioned whether too much steeping in that emotional Turkish bath (though he did not use those words) was good for us.

I do not see much evidence that those old Russians are read much by young people now; and, for myself, I have often wondered what the new Russia has bred to replace them. You can't complain that our reading is over-Russianised now. So far as fiction goes little has been done to enlighten us concerning the present state of things under the Soviets.

Therefore, I welcome the translation of Mr. Sholokhov's book "And Quiet Flows the Don." We learn one startling thing right away, and that is that in Russia to-day the taste for fiction—of the right sort—is alert enough to ensure a book a sale of a million copies. I do not know whether it is unprecedented; certainly it is sensational. But there it is: we have the publishers' word that a million copies of this book have been sold in Russia since 1929.

I can understand that happening in Russia; but it would be surprising if, in this country, the book met with a comparable success. A considerable success, I should think it will achieve (Mr. Stephen Garry's translation carries the story through with a beautiful lucidity), but I believe that most English readers will experience a growing tedium as they follow this

narrative relentlessly flowing like the Don itself.

## Peace And War.

The book is divided into four parts: Peace, War, Revolution, Civil War. It opens with a detailed description of life in a Cossack community. There are scenes of great beauty and scenes of bestiality and horror. The outstanding matter of this part is the lawless love of young Gregor the Cossack for Aksinia, his neighbour's wife. What slackens the interest is that Aksinia gradually fades out after the middle of the second part; and though there is excitement enough with war, revolution, and the rest of it to be portrayed, one feels the lack of a central human interest.

Dozens of characters come and go; we are given the gross and revolting descriptions of death and mutilation to which so many war books have accustomed us; we follow the dissolution of the troops and the slow dropping of revolutionary seed into furrows made ripe and ready by alternations of ennu and anguish. And so to the crisis, to Kornilov's abortive counter-move; and finally to the spectacle of the baffled Cossacks who don't know where they are, or whom they want to support, in a world made difficult for simple men.

The book is a remarkable achievement; but I think one would need to be nearer to the events depicted to extract full satisfaction from the leisurely treatment.

There is always danger, in writing about a thing you have known intimately, of assuming that your readers' interest will equal your own. It worked out all right for Mr. Sholokhov because the Russians necessarily are interested profoundly in events that so changed their destinies. But Mr. Ernest Raymond, I feel, over-estimates our interest in Norman's End. He has, he confesses, "tapped his childhood's memories."

"I also was of Norman's End," he begins one chapter, and all the way through he obtrudes his own personality and chatters on with a happy affectionate garrulity. One feels that so many reminiscences came to him when he began his book that he mistakenly supposed himself to be suffering from an embarrassment of riches. He wasn't really. He was suffering from the riotous overgrowth of recollection which a wise gardener would have attacked with a pruning knife.

## A Simple Tale.

The tale is essentially simple. It concerns a girl and boy growing up in neighbouring houses under the dominance of relatives who exercised the old heavy hand of

## GREAT VALUE FOR MONEY.

## Omnibus Volume Of Lawrence's Works.

The Tales of D. H. Lawrence. (Secker, 8s. 6d.).

There are 1140 pages in this book, which contains all of Lawrence's shorter fiction, beginning with "The Prussian Officer" (1914) and ending with "The Man Who Died," published in 1931 after Lawrence's own death.

This is great value for money. Unequal as Lawrence was in both conception and achievement, he remains nevertheless one of the much in this book that no one can do without who reckons tags in touch with things worth reading.

## MR. A. P. HERBERT PRAISES BOOKS.

## Keep Their Writers Quiet.

Mr. A. P. Herbert, in an entertaining speech at a recent Book Exhibition, sang the praises of books. Books, he said, kept their writers quiet, and saved them from taking other people's lives away with furious driving.

Books did not make a noise like the wireless; they were clean about the house; and they did not dig up the garden. A selection of Mr. Herbert's own work has just been issued in Methuen's "Library of Humour."

the late Victorians. The girl found release—and nearly found disaster—through association with an artist much older than herself. The boy frankly rebelled. Destined for the Church, he broke away to his own career, which was that of a gardener.

That was a good idea, and I wish Mr. Raymond had left it at that. We have had so many people who shatter the parental feters in order to become great painters or writers, lawyers or what not; Gardenjig is a grand and honourable occupation; but, alas! Mr. Raymond has insisted on making Leo a famous poet in his spare time.

## "Parable For Lovers."

"Parable for Lovers" is about a young man who fell into a vision in Greece, consorted for a while with Diana and her nymphs and gained the love of one of them. It was when he aspired beyond her even to Diana herself that disaster befell him.

A parable, it has been said, is an earthly tale with a heavenly meaning; but Mr. Gibbs' parable is a heavenly tale with the simple earthly meaning that a sparrow in the nest is better than some gorgeous songster in the chrysothron. At least, that's all it seems to me to mean; but presented as it is, with ornate imagery of nymphs and goddesses, it may well have subtler implications than I perceive. But, longing as I did to reduce Mr. Sholokhov's book by three or four hundred pages, and Mr. Raymond's by two hundred, I felt of Mr. Gibbs' that Asop would have said it all in a dozen or twenty pages.

## AMERICA'S BEST SELLERS

## Middle West Parson Heads List

## RELIGIOUS NOVEL'S SUCCESS

The American Institute of Arts and Sciences have compiled a list of the 65 best-selling books published in America since 1875.

The list is headed by a religious novel called "In His Step," by Charles Monroe Sheldon, a Middle West clergyman. Published in 1899, it has sold more than 8,000,000 copies.

Second, with a 2,000,000 sale, is "Freckles," by Mrs. Gene Stratton Porter, who also occupies the fourth, fifth and eighth place.

The only two definitely literary authors in the list are Mark Twain, whose "Tom Sawyer" ranks him ninth, and Mr. Somerset Maugham, who gets the last place with his "Of Human Bondage." It had sold some 500,000 copies. It is almost as popular as "The Shiek," by E. M. Hull, and twelfth as well liked as Edgar Rice Burroughs' "Tarzan of the Apes."

English publishers will no doubt be able to produce startling figures for popular English writer, like Edgar Wallace, Nat Gould, and Florence Barclay.

An author who for collective sales will be hard to beat, is the late Edward Stratemeyer, an American of German descent, who died in 1930.

Stratemeyer was the father of 50-cent American juvenile fiction which sells more copies in the States than grown-up fiction (22-400,000 to 19,200,000 in 1931).

Of an output which exceeded 800 books, his most popular sellers are "Motor Boys," "Nancy Drew," and the "Tom Swift" series. The collective sales amount to-day to more than 30,000,000 copies.

Stratemeyer had a host of aliases—Captain Bonehill, Victor Appleton, Laura Lee Hope, May Hollis Barton, and Roy Rockwood among them—but he composed, at any rate, his first books unaided by "ghosts," dictating daily from eleven to five. His work is being carried on to-day by his daughters.

He died a millionaire.

## A Life Without Love

## Stephen McKenna's New "Cavalcade."

The Undiscovered Country. By Stephen McKenna (Hutchinson, 7s. 6d.).

Lady Bedlington tells the story. She and her three sisters had been brought up in the days when a "good match," with or without love between the parties, was expected to be the outcome of a taking filly's parade through the "season." Lady Bedlington herself found rank and wealth but no love. But, when she had given birth to four children, and her husband's affections had found other outlets, she discovered consolation with the man she would have like to marry.

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## ROOSEVELT'S BOOK IN ENGLAND.

## For Publication This Month.

## PICTURES MAN OF ACTION

President Roosevelt's book, "On The Way," is to be published in England this month.

The book, which is a complete refutation of the charges that the President is either a Fascist or a Socialist, stresses his belief in the profit system as the mainspring of American business life.

It opens dramatically. The first paragraph describes how within an hour of his completion of the inauguration ceremonies he sent for his Solicitor-general and told him to supply the legal authority necessary for the closing of the banks.

The book shows Roosevelt as a man of action and an astute propagandist.

The appearance of the book at a moment when the Republicans are trying to rally themselves for the Senate and Congress elections is pretty strategy.

## THE PHILOSOPHER OF FLEET STREET

## Lord Castlerosse's Book Published.

Like every author, Lord Castlerosse, whose book, "Valentine Days," was published last month, has his tricks.

There is his Celtic passion for quoting poetry. The quotation generally begins with an apology, "You remember those lines. If I make a mistake, you must forgive me. I haven't seen them since I wrote them as an imposition at school."

Then the book of quotations is brought down, the lines are marked off, and the book is thrown to his secretary to be copied out.

But he has a real gift for original phrase and for philosophising which to me at any rate are more interesting even than his stories.

## CHARACTERS THAT SICKEN.

## Subtle Writing By Godfrey Winn.

Fly Away, Youth. By Godfrey Winn. (Duckworth, 7s. 6d.).

This novel is about the sort of people whom one loathes. Half of them do nothing but flutter round in amorous inconstancy; the others do little but talk about books and pictures, films and gramophone records.

It must be counted to Mr. Winn's virtue as a writer that he makes interesting in his book this set of people who would bore one to tears in reality. Through his procession of bronze gods and hamadryads, pickling and tanning themselves on the Riviera, there moves one figure with some hold on responsibility: a subtly-drawn woman novelist, living in her fiction the life that is denied her among her fellows.

## Sackville-West Poem Volume.

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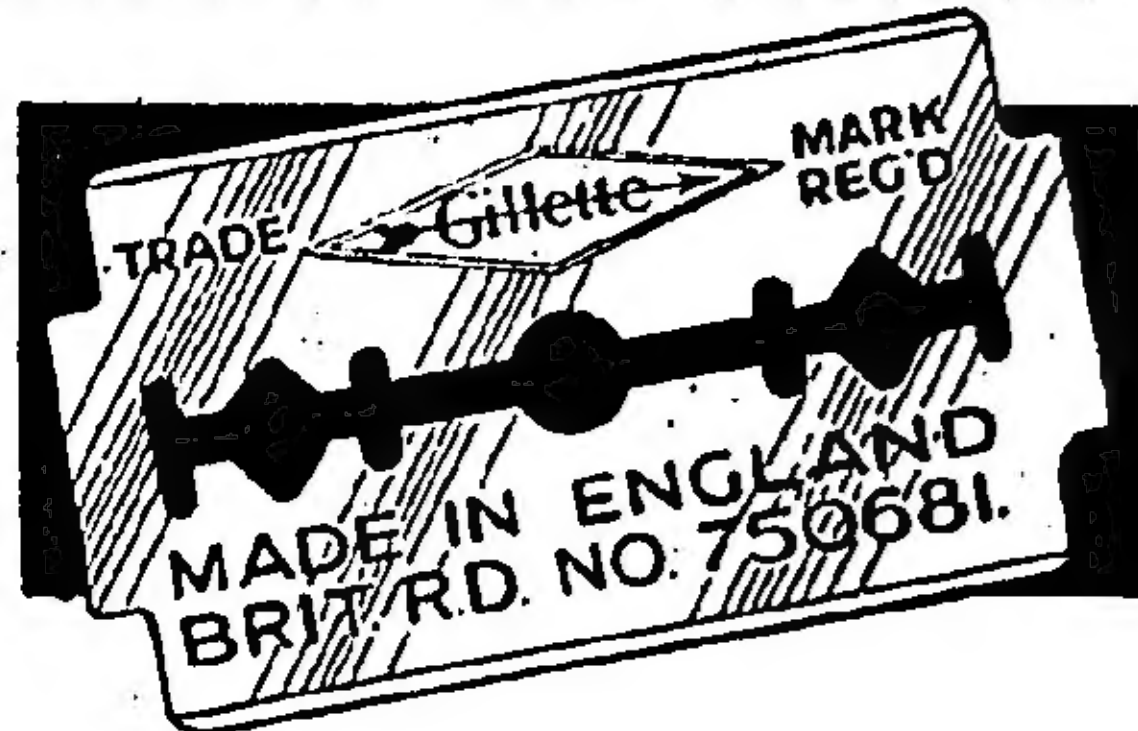
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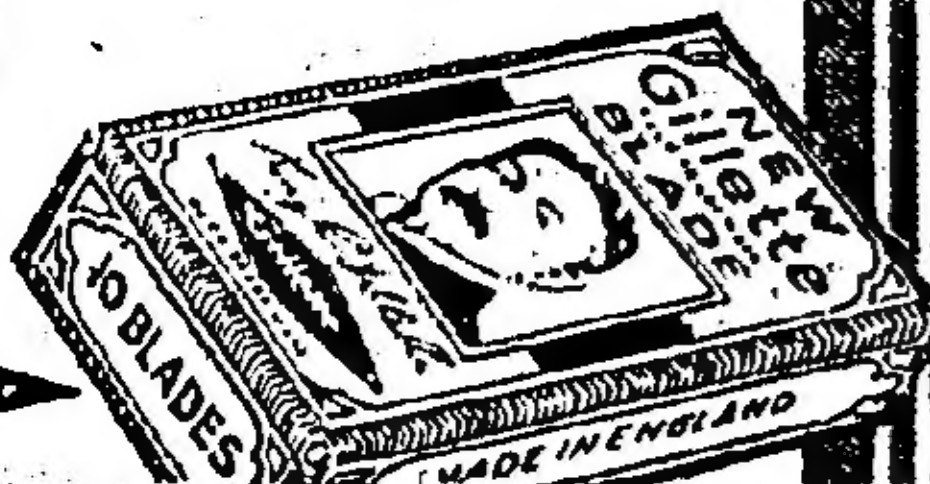
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#### The China Mail

Hong Kong, Monday, May 14, 1934.

#### South Africa's Recovery.

Signs of improvement continue to multiply, and especially within the British Empire. Without any loudly advertised (and as loudly abused) "Brain Trust" to direct its affairs, the British family of nations is quietly doing a great more than merely muddle through. Had its methods been followed more closely by other nations, there might never have been a depression at all — a depression that even now would more surely and quickly pass if selfish isolation were abandoned. Britain is at this moment the most truly prosperous of nations, and in Britain's wake come the dominions. The latest which springs to notice is South Africa, which is able to report a surprising economic recovery. The Budget shows a surplus, after wiping out the accumulated deficit of four and a half millions, mainly due to the increased price of gold and its indirect stimulation of commerce. The price of gold, which has had a decided influence in helping Australia to put her house in order, plays naturally a very much greater part in the South African situation. In consequence of this reviving fortune, and believing that the future promises stability, the Government, after devoting the surplus to the redemption of loans and the reduction of certain minor deficits, proposes to give some degree of relief to payers of income tax, to reduce or abolish certain duties, to cheapen the cost of telegrams, and introduce penny postage immediately. These are policies, once familiar enough in that pre-war period of which the virtues seem now so often forgotten; but they sound strangely to-day. Other communities may well hear of them with a measure of envy.

The change in South Africa's position has been not only complete; it has also come about very rapidly. It seems only yesterday that the tale was one of perplexity. Recent Budgets could make no such rosy reports as this one. In presenting the Budget of 1932, the Finance Minister, Mr. Havenga, announced that in consequence of a depleted national income there must be not only additional taxation, but reduction of all Parliamentary and Departmental salaries. The fall in general revenue had then amounted to two millions, with another shrinkage of the same amount in railway revenue. The deficit to be met, including £900,000 from the preceding year, was £3,735,000, most of which was to be covered by the new taxation, in addition to primage and other duties. A year later, in May, 1933 — the country having, in the last days of 1932, gone off the gold standard — Mr. Havenga confidently predicted that by pursuing the same tactics, and profiting beyond expectation from the rise in the price of gold, the Budget would be balanced. From the excess profits tax on the gold-mines alone, six millions per annum was being realised. The Minister declared that these results had been largely attained through the disappearance of party divisions — a state of things somewhat shaken since then, but not early enough to affect the financial adjustment. He was also, at that time, building strong hopes on the impending Economic Conference, hopes as yet unfulfilled. The main purpose, however, has remained unhindered by side-currents, and to-day the Union of South Africa has not merely a balanced Budget, but a substantial surplus, bringing relief to many classes.

One more country, then, has had no reason to regret having abandoned the gold standard. Not that the Hertzog Government ever professed to have done it willingly. On the contrary, it made every effort to remain on gold, investing the question with intense political significance, and only yielding under pressure of political necessity. This policy, in a Government which voted to subsidise an Italian shipping line to the extent of £150,000 a year, for a five years' term which began in March, was considered by many to be inspired mainly, if not solely, by politico-racial "cussedness." Had the change come sooner it would not only have come with better grace, but would almost certainly have helped to bring more quickly the now evident general improvement. Partly in spite of itself, the Government is likely, in the near future, to find its path much easier. A prospering people, above all a people which actually finds its load of taxation lightening, is naturally a people easier to govern, less disposed than formerly to vex itself over contentious questions such as Constitutional procedure and status. This is one of the main reasons which justify the truth of the axiom that government is finance. Let the many uneasy Ministries of the world study the reminder, and apply the lesson to themselves. There are countries which are far from richly endowed, and with more lasting resources, than South Africa, which, further, are almost entirely free from racial divisions. The statecraft which can reduce the people's burdens would in them also be amply rewarded.

HERE, THERE  
and  
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A Diplomatic Favourite

There will be general regret among foreign diplomats in London at the coming retirement of General Sir John Hanbury-Williams, Marshal of the Diplomatic Corps.

For 14 years he has been the friend and counsellor of London's ambassadors, arranging them in proper precedence and watching over their steps at Court functions. He is the ideal soldier-courtier, tall, good-looking, and tactful.

In Russia, where he was the British military representative, he was known to the various British missions as "Hanbury-Bill." The Tsar was very fond of him.

He has an office in St. James's Palace and a flat in the Henry III. Tower in Windsor Castle.

His successor will presumably be an outside appointment. Mr. J. B. Monck, his assistant, is a Foreign official and fulfils more or less the duties of a permanent Under-secretary.

#### Football v. Politics

The cancelling of the international football match between Poland and Czechoslovakia has a serio-comic political background.

The match was cancelled, not by the Polish Football Association, but by the Polish Government on the slender ground that it might have caused an anti-Polish political demonstration.

Recently the Czechs arrested three Polish agitators, who had been carrying on irredentist propaganda in the Czechoslovak portion of Silesia. Poland, retaliated by deporting 18 Czechs from the Polish portion of Silesia.

#### Fire And Fury

The match was a zone contest for world championship tournament, which is to be held in Rome this month.

Each country plays the other twice, and it is, perhaps, significant that the Czechs had already beaten the Poles in Warsaw.

It is also significant that the grand stand of the Sparta ground in Prague, where the match was to have been played, was destroyed by fire a few weeks ago.

#### Professor Of Flying

A chair for Flying is to be created at the University of Jena. The appointment will be announced in a few days.

This must be the first appointment of a Professor of Flying. It is an example which is likely to be followed.

Taken with the increase in the Air Estimates and the vast number of sport-flying centres, it is a further proof of Nazi intentions to make Germany the most air-minded nation in the world.

#### Your Daily Smile!

So her husband found you out? Not exactly; he found me in and then threw me out.

#### \* MIAOU!

"Mabel is going about telling lies about me."

"Don't worry now, dear. Wait till she starts telling the truth."

Cocktail Chatter.

"I like a girl to have a fresh complexion."

"Yes, but not too often."

#### \* \* \* THOUGHTLESS

The builder who built a prison wall to scale.

#### \* \* \* MY TAME TYPIST

Thought, a "joint account" was the butcher's bill.

#### \* \* \* Little Thought.

All men are born equal; it's what they're equal to that makes the difference.

#### \* \* \* Answer to Correspondent.

No, Henry, a grocer is not merely a simple grocer.

#### \* \* \* Problem.

Q.—Where do we find 'man-gods'?

A.—Where woman goes.

## "MISTRESS OF SEAS" A HOLLOW TITLE BRITAIN'S SAFEGUARD IN THE AIR ONLY MEANS OF DEFENCE

(By Amy Mollison.)

London. ANY Government of this country in the present circumstances of the world would have been guilty of criminal negligence had they neglected to make their precautions. —Mr. Baldwin's words in 1932 when speaking of the next war.

Have precautions been taken?

It is now a generally accepted fact that in the next war aviation will play a major role. This obvious truth brings with it not only a completely new technique in military tactics, but also a new ratio of values in peace-time diplomacy. Britain who ruled the waves was a power to contend with, an authority whose dictates could be enforced if need be.

To-day "Mistress of the Seas" is little more than a grand, hollow title; what counts now is to rule the air.

In our humble position as fifth in military air-power, how can we promise and keep our promises, how threaten and back up our threats? From the polite snubs we are beginning to receive from the Powers above us it would seem that one day we may find the politeness gone—then what? We shall probably find it too late to recapture the position of authority we are now throwing away.

An article in a national newspaper recently advocated a policy of "splendid isolation." That sound fine on the surface, but how are we going to achieve it, or how defend our neutrality? Build a wall around our island with a bomb-proof roof over the top? Where shall we get our food, and what about our Dominions?

In any European dispute we may depend upon it that, even had we no commitments at all and no treaties or promises to honour, we should find it impossible to keep out. We could not be self-supporting for even three weeks, we are dependent on supplies from other countries; our welfare depends very greatly on the conditions of Europe; we have thousands of nationals living abroad and millions of pounds in foreign investments.

#### Danger Of Surprise

Self-interest would compel us to defend our rights. Our temperament is such that we could not allow ourselves to be stepped on right and left, even if we were not actually attacked. This being so, with what have we to defend ourselves?

If the aggressor in the next war is strong enough and quick enough the first mighty blow from the air will probably prove the deciding factor for victory. It will mean instant surrender or utter ruin.

In the last war we were more or less unprepared, but we had means at hand to rectify our deficiencies. Factories were commissioned, labour mobilised and munitions and war material turned out as fast as humanly possible.

There will be no time to prepare after the next declaration of war. In Europe there are thousands of long-range bombers, perfectly capable of flying over here and destroying our factories, affecting the moral of our workers, and effectively crippling our means of preparation.

The science of aviation has progressed so extensively in recent years that even in thick cloud and fog pilots can fly blind to their objective, drop their bombs, and return unseen. How are we to stop them? We cannot.

Our Government tells us that we have a certain measure of home defence. We have aircraft guns; searchlights which work on the "grid" system, i.e., in squares, in order to give the least possible chance of escape to an enemy aircraft; fast interceptor fighters.

What use are all these if the enemy is invisible, as he would be in the kind of weather which usually prevails in this country? It is certain that their targets would be our aircraft factories (all grouped together round London), arsenals, dockyards, food

stores, merchant ships, and reservoirs; their objects to cut off our food and water supplies and destroy our means of retaliation. Knowing that the people have the final say, that a united front can force the action of a Government, they would bring the fight direct to us to compel us into submission by starvation and terror.

#### Reprisals In Kind

We have only one way of defence—reprisals in kind. In the new technique required in aerial tactics the best way to defend is to attack. We must be equipped with numerous squadrons of large, high-speed, long-range bombing machines. These must be flown by pilots experienced in long-distance, all-weather flying, as they may have to fly "blind" to their objective and back.

This means of retaliation has three major advantages: first, it will save our machines from being blown to pieces in their hangars; secondly, it may mean the enemy will have to call off fighter squadrons from other strategic points to defend their cities; and, thirdly, it will help the morale of our people to know for a certainty that something is being done and that the enemy is suffering equally.

Our Government has admitted, in fact, that this policy of reprisals in kind is the most adequate for our defence. Have we, however, any assurance that our Air Force is suitably equipped to carry out such tactics, and, in fact, is our Air Force receiving the proper kind of training for flying these essential long-distance bombers?

The acid test of a pilot's ability to fly over long distances in all kind of weather is the flying of the air mail, whose carriers' proud boast it is that it is never delayed.

#### America's Example

It has been only too sadly evident that in America, at any rate, the Air Force does not receive the particular training which is required to carry out long-distance, all-weather flying. This fact was brought forcibly before the authorities during the recent air mail disputes, when it was decided that the U.S. Air Force should run the mail contracts.

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## STILL UNITED IN DEATH

Man Who Carried Ashes Of His Friend.

BOTH BURIED IN ONE COFFIN

Council Bluffs, Iowa. A staunch friendship which started 12 years ago in a hospital ward, has ended with the burial of one of the friends, with the ashes of his friend enclosed in his coffin.

Jacob Los, a well-to-do California estate agent and at that time an elderly man, met Albert Coffman, a young Santa Ana war veteran, while both were confined in the same hospital.

Their acquaintance developed into an affectionate friendship which was kept up after both were discharged from hospital. Coffman went to live with the older man in Santa Ana, helping him to manage his business. Los always referred to his younger friend as "my son". Three years ago Los died, and thereafter Coffman carried with him, wherever he went, a small, black satchel. He would never tell anyone why he carried it, over what it contained.

Now Coffman has just died. A sister, going through his effects, came across the familiar satchel. She opened it and found inside an urn, containing the ashes of Los. A note accompanied it, written by Los, revealing that Coffman had promised always to keep the ashes with him while he lived. It further asked that whoever took charge of Coffman's funeral should see that the urn be buried with him.

The request was granted. Reuter.



## GAS EXPLOSION

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The China Motor Bus service to West Point, which passes the rear of the Gas Company's installation, was also held up, the bus being obliged to make a de-tour from West Point.

Large numbers gave assistance at the scene of the fire. Police, Emergency Units, St. John Ambulance Brigade, Sanitary Department Inspectors, and P.W.D. Officials rendering valuable service.

Four flats at the end of Darley Terrace were very badly butted, and, during the morning the floors caved in, destroying all hope of an immediate search for missing occupants.

## 30 FT. OF PLATE TORN OUT BY BLAST.

It is not possible yet to state the exact size of the rent in the side of the gasometer, but from an examination this afternoon it is estimated that some 30 feet of ½ inch plate were torn out.

The flames struck the buildings in Darley Terrace with such velocity that one woman was hurled 50 feet along the road. One house on the corner of Yu On Terrace, 150 yards from the damaged gasometer, was caught by the clouds of flaming gas and the eastern side burnt out, while a house on the corner of Po Tuck street was slightly damaged.

The exact cause of the fire is not yet known.

Mr. G. B. Wittichell of Messrs. Bailey and Company, who is conducting repairs, discovered a piece of singed dress material on the top of the damaged gasometer and made the suggestion that something in one of the adjacent houses had caught fire, been picked up by the occupants with the piece of rag, and thrown from the building striking the gasometer and causing the damage. The nearest houses to the gasometer are within 30 feet.

## MOTHER WATCHES BUILDING CAVE IN ON DAUGHTER.

Weeping bitterly, a Chinese woman watched the four floors of an end flat in Darley Terrace cave in under the pressure of water from the Fire Brigade hoses.

She told a "China Mail" representative that her daughter, aged 16, who had only recently come to Hong Kong from the country, was employed as a servant in that flat and was in the building.

## DEATH AT MAH JONGG.

Another story from another homeless Chinese was to the effect that four occupants on the third floor of the second end flat in Darley Terrace were seated at a game of mah jongg at the time of the explosion. They received the full force of the explosion, and were killed immediately.

The conflagration was not without its bathos, the third house in the devastated Darley Terrace was better off than most, and the ground floor suffered more damage from water than from fire. On the wall, drenched with water, and surrounded by fallen beams, was the old family clock, still ticking away and still showing the correct time!

## GRAVE DANGER

Darley Terrace, the road which caught the first full blast of the flames, was still smouldering late this afternoon. The first three houses are now merely shattered, roofless shells, but others of the six gutted buildings still retained remnants of floors and window-frames.

There is grave danger, according to the Fire Brigade, that the walls of the first house will collapse at any time, and people are consequently being kept well away from the locality.

The houses in Clarence Terrace, which are some 40 feet below Darley Terrace, are not damaged as badly, some of them still retain their roofs, although those nearest the damaged gasometer have fallen in. The interiors of most of these houses, although severely damaged by fire and water, still remain, including most of the floors and part of the furniture.

The houses in Po Tuck Street, which is behind Darley Terrace, were not so severely damaged, one on the corner was burning slightly, but most of the others escaped with little damage. Many people in this street, and in other more distant streets, were scorched by the flames.

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## French Duce?



Pierre Taittinger, Deputy of the Young French Patriotic League, Les Jeunes Français, as he addressed 700 recruits to his new order in Paris.

## TRIANGLE ACTION IN COURT

Pretty Problem For Puisse Judge.

## SECURITY RETURN CLAIMED

For \$500 paid as a guarantee against the employment of his son, Lam Chung-wai Lai Lum, of No. 551, Shanghai Street, Mongkok, Kowloon, sued the Manufacturers' Representatives, Ltd., of No. 7, Morrison Gap Road, before the Puisse Judge, Mr. Justice P. Jacks, at the Supreme Court this morning.

The defendants claimed indemnity from a third party, Augusto Vannini, on the grounds that he, and not they, had received the deposit.

Mr. F. H. Loseby appeared for the plaintiff, Mr. Peter Sin for the defendants, and Mr. A. C. Arculli represented the third party.

Mr. Loseby explained that the defendants were the proprietors of David's Cafe, Hankow Road, Kowloon, and that on or about September 15, 1933, the plaintiff had paid the Defendants \$500 to Guarantee the employment of Lam Chung-wai, who had been engaged as a shroff at the cafe.

On November 24 Lam had resigned his position as shroff, and the plaintiff claims the return of his deposit.

The defendants claim that Augusto Vannini owes the money on the ground that they had not received the deposit and that, at that time, they were not the proprietors of the cafe.

Mr. Loseby maintained that there was no doubt that somebody owed his client the money, and that the question must be decided between the defendant and the third party.

Mr. Sin agreed that judgment must be given against some person, and stated that his clients did not receive the money.

The case is proceeding.

## RUSH TO WEST POINT

As soon as news of the explosion reached town, taxis, public cars, buses, and tram cars were in great demand by curious Chinese.

The crowds at the scene of the disaster were, however, kept under admirable control by the Police, only firemen and members of the St. John Ambulance Brigade being allowed within the Police cordon.

The sight of a dead body next to the Western Market caused considerable excitement, while the clang of ambulance bells all lent to the tension that was in the air.

The trams were held up at St. Peter's Church, and passengers were forced to walk from there to the Gas Company's works. This precautionary measure was in operation for over an hour.

The Colony's gas supply was not cut off entirely, a low pressure being maintained throughout. A full supply was allowed shortly after 2.30 p.m.

## SINO-AUSTRALIAN RELATIONS

Steady Improvement In Past Years.

## MR. GOCK YOUNG ON VISIT

The steady growth of improved Sino-Australian relations is stressed in a statement made by Mr. W. Gock Young, Chairman of the Society of Chinese Residents in Australia, in Sydney, and a director of the Wing On Company, Ltd., who is now in Hong Kong on a business visit after 20 years' residence in Australia.

Mr. Gock Young states:—"After twenty years' experience in Australia I have arrived home on extended business visit. The bitter anti-Chinese spirit which characterised Australian thought for so long has lost its vehemence just as in China time and experience have taught us that no nation can stand by itself, and that international good-will is essential for commercial expansion and cultural well-being."

"My mission is to enquire, primarily, into the wheat and wool trade, in which the Australian people are vitally interested. Since I left home, China has had many problems to face. We Chinese abroad have had our anxious days and weeks when the cables were describing things indescribable and enemies that endangered the commonwealth. Some of those problems remain, but their solution is in sight."

"Down in Australia, we have, in Sydney, the Society of Chinese Residents in Australia, of which organisation I was honored with the office of Chairman. It allows no narrow political beliefs to divide Chinese thought, but stands for all that is broadest and best in the ancient and modern spirit of China."

"Our Society in Sydney set out three years ago, to tell Australia the truth about China, and tireless indeed were our members in their attempts to let Australians know why—and whence—China was headed in her national endeavours. Those whom we contracted—and many who were contracted by our contacts—now have more knowledge of Chinese ambitions, and this ever-growing nucleus guarantees at no distant date an Australian sentiment from which anti-Chinese propaganda will be eliminated."

"To-day Australians realise that China is not an aggressive nation, that she has no ambition for world-conquest, that the troubles for which she suffers have been forced upon her. Twenty years ago, when I went to Australia the Australian people held the most peculiar ideas of the Chinese institutions. To-day, with better knowledge of our people, they are sympathetic with China in her aspirations."

"Personally, I believe that the new China is destined to go far in the concert of human endeavour, and that a regenerated China will ensure her citizens at home and abroad that sympathy, that freedom of action to which they are justly entitled."

## C.P.R. AGENT ARRIVES

Mr. G. E. Costello of the Canadian Pacific Steamship Co. arrived yesterday from Shanghai. Mr. Costello, who is well-known in Hong Kong, will succeed the late Mr. Edward Stone as General Passenger Agent.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Costello are residing at the Repulse Bay Hotel.

## Scope of Museum Theft of China Jewels will be Determined in A Year

Shanghai.

Procurators from the highest National Government court at Nanking have begun the colossal task of opening and examining 19,000 cases of jewels and antiques from Peking's Forbidden City, several million dollars worth of which is charged were stolen by Yih Pei-chi, former president of the National Museum.

The examination is expected to require more than a year. When the first of the treasures were removed by the examiners, the vaults resembled an Aladdin's cave of glittering jewels. Special corps of police were required to control the huge crowd outside the storage building trying to catch glimpses of the wondrous treasures.

## To-day's Short Story.

## MARY ANSELL.

By Martin Armstrong.

MARY BRAKEFIELD, wife of Samuel Brakefield, landlord of the Golden Lion, Nether-hinton, made her way along the accustomed hedge-bordered road that led to the foot of the downs. From the road-end the coarse grass of the downs rose in a single abrupt slope to the flat summit, which was enclosed by a great rampart rising nobly from its broad ditch.

The face of this ancient earthwork was so steep that he who climbed it could do so only on his knees, pulling himself up with his hands by the strong tufted grass that clothed it like a shaggy fur. Every Thursday Mary Brakefield took the same walk, and always alone. She was a quiet, kindly, respectable woman, not otherwise eccentric, and her husband and the neighbours, though they themselves never took a walk except when some definite object required, had long since grown so accustomed to this weekly stroll of hers that they had ceased to regard it as strange, even when the weather was so stormy that it was incredible that anyone should walk out, much less climb the bare downs, for mere pleasure.

On winter evenings, when, looking from their cottage windows into a stormy twilight, the villagers saw a lonely figure struggling against wind and rain down the long village street, they would say without surprise: "It'll only be Mrs. Brakefield coming back from her walk."

She was a spare, neat woman of

forty, though strangers put her age down at over fifty. Her face was pale and bony; the eyes, too, pale and weary and red-rimmed; and the corners of her mouth had a bitter downward droop that on rare occasions vanished suddenly and surprisingly into a charming, wistful smile.

It was the beginning of October, and the hedges between which she walked had kindled from the dusty green of summer into long lines of scarlet and yellow flame that danced and flickered against the sagging grey sky in the breeze that flowed through them. All her life she had known that road, and the downs that rose at the end of it, and, beyond them, the wide plains of the sea.

## TO-MORROW'S STORY

To-morrow's story will be "The Waltz," by Dorothy Parker.

into which the downs dropped—a sheer fall of eight hundred feet—in scooped precipices of white or rosy chalk.

For she was a native of Nether-hinton and had never been further east of it than Bournemouth, further west than Sidmouth, or further north than Dorchester. She came of poor parents. Her father had been a farm labourer and her mother the daughter of a labourer, and it had been thought a great piece of luck for her to marry the landlord of the Golden Lion.

She walked on at a brisk pace, looking neither to right nor left nor even ahead of her: she walked, indeed, not at all as if walking for the mere sake of it, but as one on an errand, and when she reached the end of the road she began at once, without a pause or a glance about her, to climb the down by a steep track this wavered steeply up it.

Under the stress of the climb her pace became gradually slower and slower; half way up she paused, breathless, and turned to survey with unseeing eyes the variegated fields below her and, beyond them, the village thatches crouching under the yellowing elms and the gaunt grey fragment of Evesdon Castle, which Cromwell had blown up.

As soon as she had breathed enough, she continued her climb, and then, when she was almost at the top and had reached the earthwork, vanished along the long line of the ditch and in half a minute reappeared, clambering on her hands and knees up the steep rampart. Soon she had crawled to the top, and stood for a moment silhouetted against the sky, a minute vertical object breaking the long horizontal lines of down and earthworks. Then again she disappeared.

The grassy area inside the rampart sloped slightly upwards to the sheer edge, so that from where she stood she saw nothing of the sea, but only the grey, laden sky. But she did not want to see the sea, for she knew that to-day it would be not as it had been eighteen years ago to-day, blue and lustrous as an iris-petal and, near the shore, paler and so clear that the ribs of chalky rock at the bottom were as visible as if seen through a flawless, pale blue crystal—but leaden-grey, desolate, chilling to the heart.

So she did not go towards the cliff-edge, but followed the base of the rampart until it bent inwards at right-angles and crossed the hill-top. There she stopped, and in the bend, as if in the corner of a roofless room, sat down. For a while she sat motionless, self-absorbed; then leaned back against the slope of the turf wall, turned on her left side, and closed her eyes.

And soon she knew that he was there, the Jim Ansell of eighteen years ago. She felt no human touch, no warmth, and his voice had no sound, but he was present to her and she could speak to him, not with her lips, not aloud—for there was no need to speak aloud—but in her heart, with a speech much more real, much more close, than the cold, audible speech she exchanged with her husband and neighbours, and the tourists that came to the inn.

And in that unworried, spiritual speech he answered her. With her eyes and all her senses closed and his visible absence shut out and forgotten, she lay in his arms, felt her body wrapped, safe and sound.

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## PRETTY WEDDING AT CATHEDRAL

MAK — TAM.

## DEAN SWANN OFFICIATES

A pretty wedding was solemnised on Saturday afternoon, at St. John's Cathedral, when Miss Tam So-chun, of the staff of the Chun Tak Girls' School, and daughter of Mr. Tam Yik-kin, a former diplomat during the Ching Dynasty, and Mrs. Tam Yik-kin, was married to Mr. Mak Chun-poy, B.Sc., son of Mr. and Mrs. Mak Yan-sau, of Canton, The Very Rev. Dean Swann officiated.

The bride was given away by her brother, Mr. Tam Yan-yeuk.

Miss Mak Wong-hing was bridesmaid, while Mr. Mak Cheung-yee performed the duties of the best man. Mr. Frederick Mason, A.R.C.O., I.T.C.I., was at the organ.

A reception was held at the Kam Ling Restaurant in the evening, after which the couple left for their honeymoon in South China.

The forthcoming wedding of Mr. John William Groesch, Chief Engineer, of Pittsburgh Road, Seattle, Washington, U.S.A., and Miss Mildred van Andale Nichols of Midland, Michigan, U.S.A., is announced.

## CHINESE HIT BY GOLF BALL

A Chinese named Leung Hon was admitted to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday, suffering from injuries to his eye, after being struck up by a golf ball on the Race Course.

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## LOCAL NEWS BREVITIES

Falling from an alley wall while sleeping, Hong Chi was removed to the Government Civil Hospital last evening, suffering from injuries to his head and body.

The P. and O. s.s. Rawalpindi left Singapore for Hong Kong at noon on Saturday with outward English mails, and is due here on Wednesday at noon.

The Rev. J. R. Higgs, Vicar of St. Andrew's Church, preached in St. John's Cathedral at Matins yesterday morning. It was his first appearance in the pulpit of the Cathedral, since his arrival in the Colony.

A Chinese woman, Choi Chun-kwai was taken to the Kwong Wah Hospital yesterday, suffering from head and body injuries sustained when she was trampled upon by a horse in Shumchun, Chinese territory.

Three Chinese, Lui Pin, Cheung Tim and Lee Kwai were admitted to the Government Civil Hospital yesterday, suffering from injuries sustained in a premature explosion at the junction of Sheko and Island Roads.

## 8-YEAR-OLD ALLEGED KIDNAPPED

On the application of Inspector Murphy, a week's formal remand was granted in the case of Chan Foh-tai, a boatman, who was charged before Mr. Q.A.A. MacFadyen at the Central Police Court this morning, for kidnapping an eight-year-old child, Leung Kam-mun, from the child's father, Leung Yu, master of a cargo boat, No. 3499A, on April 18.

Fines of \$150 each were imposed on Lee Hung and Ho Chang by Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Central Police Court this morning, for importing unmanifested wolfram from Canton on board the s.s. Tin Yat, yesterday.

Revenue Officer Grimmit prosecuted.

Preaching in St. Andrew's Church, Kowloon, yesterday morning, Rev. H. A. Wittenbach, of the Church Missionary Society, Canton, described to the congregation the Christian development of the rural areas of the Diocese of Victoria, and the work that is being done in villages between Hong Kong and Canton.





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## MARY ANSELL

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in his body, the warmth of his face against hers, the smell, like hawthorn and seaweed, of his khaki jacket. She was alive once more, escaped from the death of her present existence into the warm life of her early days. That life was so real to her that whenever she reached their meeting-place and lay back and closed her eyes, her actual self ceased to exist, and she had never once thought it strange that a tired, faded woman of forty should lie in the arms of this dark-haired young man of twenty-two, nor had she ever told herself that their child, if it had lived, would by now have been a boy only five years younger than his father, or that, just as there was another Mary, the faded Mary of to-day, so there was another Jim Ansell, withered and eyeless, lying in some unknown cemetery in France.

Such thoughts never came to her, for he and she met in a timeless and unchanging world which belonged to them alone. This angle in the earthwork was especially theirs, but they met in other places too, for she carried their secret world within her and could drop back into it whenever opportunity occurred. When she was alone at the inn, working in the kitchen or sitting, darning, in the little private parlour, she would often leave her patient body to get on with its work and would step across the threshold; and at night, the moment the candle had been blown out and she had laid down in bed with Sam, she would be gone, abandoning to her husband the tired, obedient Mary Brakefield like a corpse laid out, hurrying back to her real life and Jim.

But sometimes, when she was very tired, she had not the strength to escape. The outer world—Sam Brakefield, the inn, the neighbours—was too strong for her. She was too feeble by herself, to support and preserve the world of her desires. If only there had been someone else who knew of it and recognised its reality, who would speak of Jim, who would, perhaps, call her, not Mrs. Brakefield, but Mrs. Ansell, what a help and what a comfort it would be.

But there was no one: her secret was unshared. That name, Mary Ansell, which she had never borne in real life, was the name by which she thought of herself. She had actually written it in the few books which Jim's mother had left her at her death fourteen years ago. It was safe to do so, for Mary Ansell was the name of Jim's mother, and if Sam had ever noticed it he would not have been surprised.

Mrs. Ansell had left her not only the books, but also Jim's scroll, neatly framed—the scroll that had been sent to her after he had been killed. But Sam, as far as Mary knew, had never looked into the books. He had shown no surprise when they and the scroll had been brought to his wife, for he had known that she and Mrs. Ansell were old friends. When she had opened the parcel he had lifted up the scroll and examined it. "It'll look nice on the wall," he had said, and had then asked: "Who was he?"

"Her son," Mary had answered, and she had put away the books in the hanging bookcase in the parlour

## To Play Mother Role



Lina Basquette, film star and wife of Teddy Hayes, former trainer of Jack Dempsey, is expecting a child to an announcement by her mother at Hollywood. Miss Basquette and Hayes have been married three times.

and hung up the scroll there. Sam never sat in that room. In the summer, on those days when so many visitors called that there was no more space in the public room, some of them were served there, but for nine months in the year Mary had it to herself, and she would sit there often to sew and darn.

Seated there near the books he must often have read, and with his scroll before her eyes, she felt closer to him than anywhere else but in the earthwork. She often glanced at his name at the bottom of the scroll—Lance-corporal James Ansell—but she seldom read what went before it, for the last sentence—"Let those that come after see to it that his name be not forgotten"—spoke too painfully of his absence, made of him a name only, name threatened with oblivion.

It was eighteen years ago, eighteen years this very day, that they had met for the last time. On the last day of his leave from France they had climbed the downs together, scrambled up the earthwork, and walked to the edge of the cliff. He had laughed when she had clutched at his sleeve to stop him going too near the brink. The whole immense depth of air below them and the huge expanse of sea sparkled with sunshine. Out near the horizon a ship—an English battleship—drew a long, gauzy trail of smoke after it. Jim pointed to the horizon. "You'd never think, would you," he said, "that thousands of chaps were in the thick of it just over there?" "Don't," she said. "Don't think of it. I don't want to think of it till..."

"Till I'm there?" She nodded, and they turned away from the cliff and walked across to the angle of the rampart. There they lay down, his arms round her. "Then you'll wait for me?" he whispered half jokingly. "Only a few months, till my next leave. Then we'll get married."

She pressed her cheek against his. "I don't have to wait," she said, her heart suddenly full. "I'm yours already."

For a while he did not speak. Then he said: "Yes, you're mine Mary, and I'm yours. Only we've got to wait till next leave to be married."

She shook her head. "We're married already."

Again he paused, as if thinking. Then he said: "But... but suppose I was to stop one?"

"Stop one?" "Stop a shell or a bullet. Get knocked out."

She put her hand over his mouth. "Don't. Don't say such things."

"But it might happen," he said, when she had freed his mouth. "That means we mustn't wait."

"But think, Mary, what might happen; to you; I mean."

"I thinking," she said. "That's why I say we mustn't wait."

It was already dark when they walked home together and parted outside the gate of her home.

## HEROIC BRITISH WAR NURSE

Woman Who Defied German Captors.

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High tribute was paid recently to the devotion of a British nursing sister who, interned by the Germans in East Africa during the war, became famous for her work among the Allied prisoners.

The nurse, Miss Frances Mary Plant, who has just died in Guy's Hospital, where she received her training, had 18 years' service in England and abroad. Miss Plant had looked forward to retirement in London, but had been on pension only 20 days when she died from heart trouble.

"No nursing sister in East Africa was braver than Miss Plant," Mr. F. S. Joelson, editor of "East Africa," stated in an interview. Mr. Joelson was interned in the same camp as Miss Plant.

"She was one of the nurses who were imprisoned at the outbreak of war, and she worked like a slave looking after the Allied prisoners at Tabora prison camp. She stood up to the Germans and refused to be brow-beaten."

Marches Under Blazing Sun—Miss E. M. Cowell, of Northcote-road, Battersea, a friend of the dead nurse, said that Miss Plant at the outbreak of war was ordered to clear her hospital at Korogwe, and was then marched under a German escort to camp, to which she was not allowed to take so much as a mosquito net.

"For a year she never tasted a cup of tea," said Miss Cowell, "and, being changed from camp to camp, she marched scores of miles under the blazing sun."

When released in 1916 Miss Plant had to be carried in a hammock with other prisoners to the nearest British station.

She returned to England and became night sister at the British Red Cross Hospital at Downham, Norfolk. Later she returned to East Africa and became matron of the Dar-es-Salaam Hospital.

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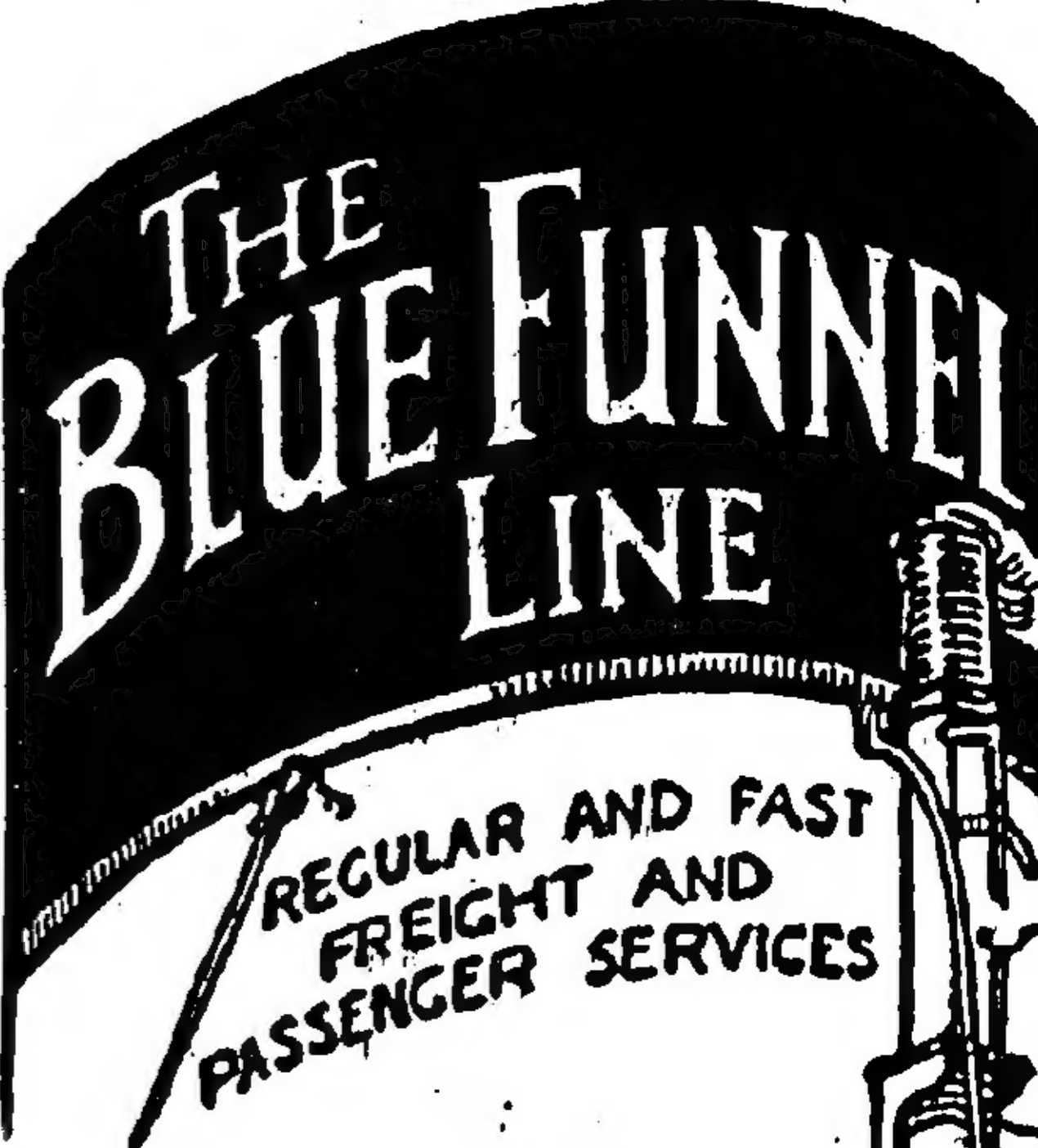
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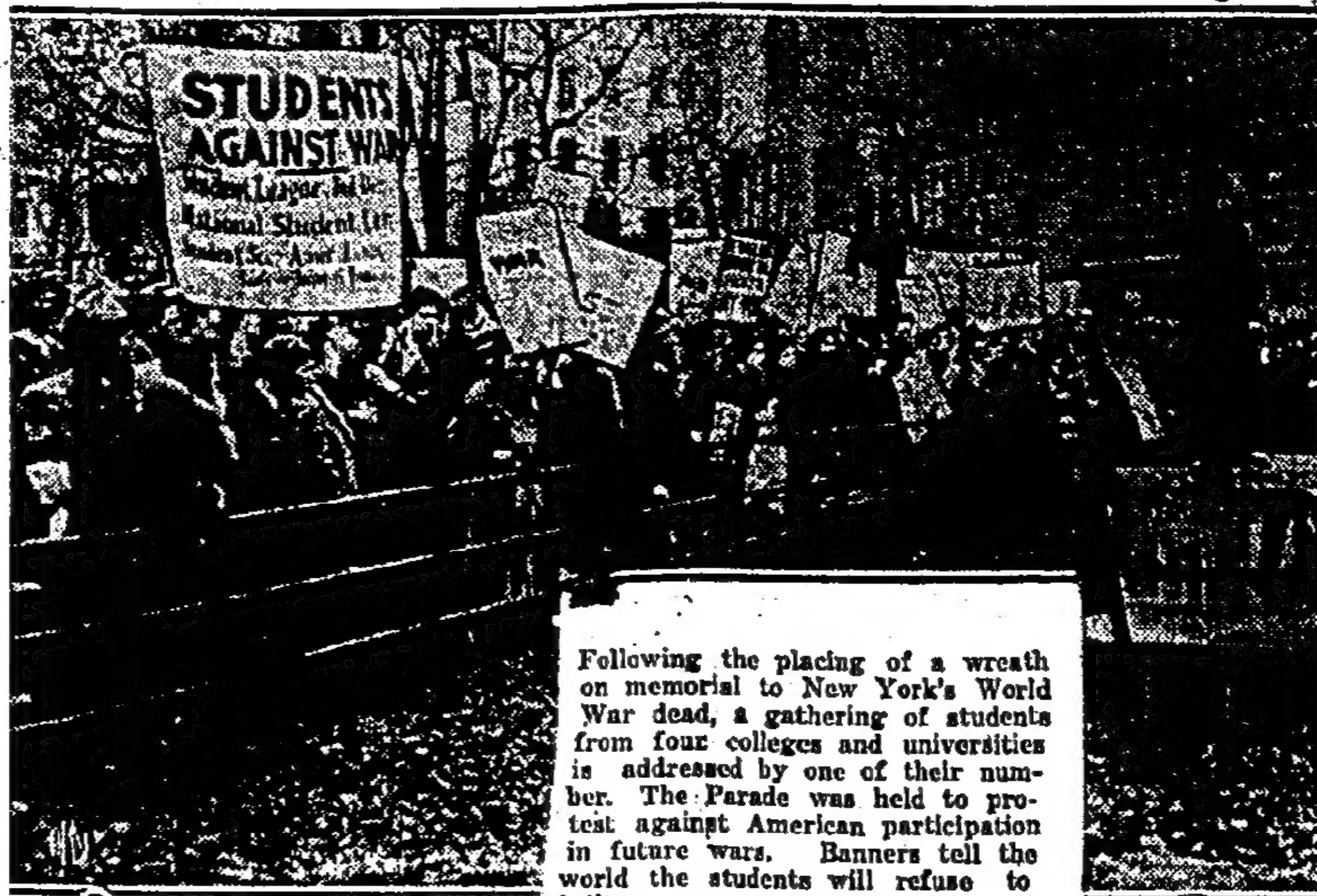
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## Gotham Students Stage Anti-War Rally



Following the placing of a wreath on memorial to New York's World War dead, a gathering of students from four colleges and universities is addressed by one of their number. The Parade was held to protest against American participation in future wars. Banners tell the world the students will refuse to fight.

## OLYMPIC GAMES SOUVENIR

**Australian Pavilion  
For Canberra.**  
**ARRIVES FOR ERECTION**

Canberra, F.C.T.  
Canberra has been presented with a souvenir of the last Olympic Games at Los Angeles—the two-roomed building which was used at that gathering by the Australian competitors.  
When the Olympic Games were concluded, Mr. Crombie Allen, of Ontario, one of the foundation trustees of Rotary International, purchased the temporary wooden buildings used by the teams from various countries, and presented them to each country for re-erection as "good-will houses" for the permanent use of sportsmen. The Rotary Club of Sydney accepted delivery of the building given to Australia, and handed it over to the Rotary Club of Canberra for erection in the national capital. The building has now reached Canberra, and is to be erected either on the Royal Canberra Golf Club's course, or on the Manuka Sports ground.  
Mr. Crombie Allen is on a visit to Australia.—Reuter.

## WOMEN ANNOUNCE NOT WANTED.

**Intense Opposition  
From Own Sex.**

London.  
The British Broadcasting Corporation's recent attempt to employ a woman announcer failed because of intense opposition from women themselves.  
This fact has been revealed by Miss Elsie J. Spratt, head of the Women's Section of the B.B.C.  
Referring to the experiment in a speech in London she said, "Women wrote in such large numbers saying that they did not want a woman announcer that at last we had to remove her."  
"To my mind it is a very great confession of failure on the part of the women of this country."  
Women announcers are successfully employed in Rome, Warsaw, Luxembourg.—Reuter.

## WIMBLEDON TO SEE NEW KOALA.

**Second Mascot Of Its  
Kind For England.**

Sydney, N.S.W.  
Miss Joan Hartigan, Australian champion tennis player has been given a mascot to take on her tour abroad in search of world laurels.  
The mascot was a stuffed koala bear, a "brother" to the one that accompanied the Waratahs (N.S.W. Rugby Union Team) on their 1927-28 tour of Great Britain and France. The donor was the Waratahs' Manager (Mr. E. G. Shaw). Mr. Shaw invited Miss Hartigan with Mrs. Utz, to play exhibition matches at the weekend at his property, Girraween, Bombala. Before she left for Sydney, Mr. Shaw presented her with the bear, which he hoped would bring her the same good luck as the footballers' mascot brought them.

## MARY ANSELL

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A week later, before she had received any letter from him, she was passing his mother's cottage and Mrs. Ansell called to her from the door. Mary went to her, and she led her into the little front room, paused to shut the door, then turned on the girl a face woefully transformed. "Mary," she said, "Jim's gone."  
"Gone." It was as if lightning had struck her. She felt it leap from her head to her heels.  
"Killed," said Mrs. Ansell.  
When Mary knew she was to have a child she told her mother—weeping, as she spoke, not for shame, but for Jim. Her mother laid her arm round her shoulders. She spoke no word of rebuke, and though she spoke no word of comfort either. Mary knew that she understood and sympathized. "I shall have to tell your father," was all she said.  
"Will he be angry?" Mary asked.  
"Yes," said the old woman, "but I'll manage him. You keep out of his way and say nothing."  
Mary never knew of the encounter between her mother and father, nor that her father had wished to turn her out of doors and had resigned himself only when her mother had told him that, if Mary went, she would go with her. She knew only that, after that, her father never spoke to her, never took the least notice of her.  
Two months later her mother told her that she was to go to an aunt in Devonshire and stay there till after her baby was born. What was to happen after that she did not ask, but she was resolved that, come what might, she would never be separated from the child. But the child, a little boy, was stillborn, and three months after his birth Mary returned to her home.

It seemed to her that her life was finished. In her absence a new landlord had come to the Golden Lion. He was a bachelor, and her mother now worked at the inn, scrubbing floors and washing up mugs and glasses. Soon after her return, her mother came home with the news that Mr. Brakfield wanted a handy girl to help in the bar and that she had mentioned Mary to him. A few days later Mary began her work at the inn.  
Sam Brakfield was a good master to her and her mother. He was an easy-going, kindly man, ten years older than Mary.  
At the end of a year, to her amazement and horror, he asked her to marry him. Ashen-faced and with a trembling lip she refused, but he waved aside her refusal. "You think it over, my dear," he said. "I don't want to hurry you. Think it over and see what your mother says."

Her mother, when Mary spoke of it, pressed her to accept Brakfield. "You must think of the future, my dearie," she said. "When your father and I are gone you'll have no home. You'll have to tell and mollify a hard master or mistress. Mr. Brakfield's honest and he's kind. He'll be a good husband to you, Mary. Take him. It'll be a comfort to me to know you're well provided for."  
"But I can't ever forget Jim," said Mary.  
"You don't have to forget him. Keep him to yourself, that's all, and act fairly by your husband."  
"But mustn't I tell him, . . . ?"  
"About Jim?"  
"No. There's no call to tell him. No one here knows about it, and never will."

A month later Mary became Mrs. Brakfield.  
It was getting dark when Mary Brakfield opened her eyes and found herself alone under the sky in the angle of the rampart. Dazed and chilly, she got to her feet. If she did not hurry she would never find the path down the steep slope. Already, when she had climbed down the great turf wall and emerged from the ditch, the village below her was lost in the gloom of its elms, and by the time she had reached the foot of the down and struck into the road the last pale streaks in the west were closing into the darkness of a stormy sky.

She felt desolate and tired by her long, lonely ecstasy. She clung to Jim, trying to keep him with her still, but he withdrew from her. Her spirit was too weak now to hold him, her attention too distracted by the need of keeping her path on the dark road. If only there was someone who knew, someone who would come towards her now, down this dark road, and as he passed her call out: "Good night, Mrs. Ansell." Those few short words would be enough to keep her and Jim together.

But the road was deserted, and, as she turned into the village, large drops of rain began to fall.  
When she entered the inn her husband's voice greeted her. "Two gentlemen wanting tea, Mary. I've got the kettle on and shown them into the parlour, by the fire."

The two young men had walked all day. They had lunched off beer and bread and cheese at an inn twelve miles away and had hoped to find another inn in the cove they had reached late in the afternoon. But no inn was there, and when they had asked for the nearest they had been directed to Netherthorpe, four miles away. Now they sat, tired and contented, in the little parlour of the Golden Lion, one on each side of the fireplace, with their legs stretched to the warmth, waiting for the tea they had ordered.

When he had finished a cigarette, the more energetic of the two got out of his chair and, with his hands in the pockets of his shorts, began prowling round the room, examining the pictures, and photographs. When he had reached the bookcase he called out to his friend: "I say, Guy, her's 'The Return of the Native' and 'Jude' and 'Lorna Doone,' and the Bible, and 'Pickwick.' Not a bad lot for a village inn."  
He took down "Jude the Obscure," opened the cover, and read, "Mary Ansell, 1919." "Pickwick" revealed the same name, and then he was interrupted by the opening of the door. A thin-faced woman brought in their tea on a tray. The young man, caught with "Pickwick" in his hand, spoke to her. "I've found a nice lot of books here," he said. "Are they yours?"

The pale, red-rimmed eyes met his. "Yes, sir," she said in her tired, toneless voice: "they're all mine."  
She set the tea on the table. "Just ring the bell if you want anything, gentlemen," she said as she went quietly out.

They thanked her, and the other young man rose from his chair and went over to where his friend was standing. "What's this?" he said, bending his head to inspect Jim's scroll. "Some poor devil that was killed young girl."

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## ISIDORE OSTRER IN HOLLYWOOD.

**Giving Beauty Market  
The "Once Over."**

Hollywood, California.  
Hollywood's beauty market was given a "once over" by Mr. Isidore Ostrer, president of Gaumont British Pictures Corporation, during his first visit to the world's film capital recently. Mr. Ostrer said he was here "perhaps" to import new actors and actresses into England. He also intends to make an intensive survey of production methods in Hollywood before returning to England.—Reuter.

in the war," said the first, and he read: "Lance-corporal James Ansell."

"Her son, I expect," said the other as they sat down to their tea.

"When they had finished they rang for their bill, and the thin-faced woman returned. How far was it, they asked, to Wareham?"

Six miles, she told them; and there was a bus in twenty minutes' time if they were tired of walking.

"Good! Then, if you don't mind, we'll sit here till it comes."

"Certainly, sir," she said, without raising her eyes from the tray on which she was piling the used tea-things.

"Not exactly a cheerful specimen, is she?" said one to the other as they returned to their chairs beside the fire.

Five minutes before the time for the bus they slung their knapsacks on their backs and went out of the room. As they passed the kitchen door it was ajar, and the first young man called out a good night as he passed. "Good night, Mrs. Ansell," he called.

She was standing at the kitchen table, her pale eyes cast down, her mouth drooping bitterly at the corners, preparing supper for herself and her husband; but at the sound of the young man's voice her face bloomed suddenly as if kindled by some inner, spiritual light, and her mouth, its bitterness gone, took on the charming, wistful smile of a young girl.

## "MISTRESS OF SEAS" A HOLLOW TITLE

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Within ten days or so, about a dozen men were killed while flying the mail in very bad weather.

Could our Air Force pilots take over Imperial Airways' duties? If not, then how can they be regarded as properly trained to fly long-range bombing machines?

Are our bombers themselves fast enough, and have they enough range to reach any likely objective and return, leaving a safety margin for forced detours? In America there is a bomber with a speed of over 200 m.p.h. Are we behind?

We do not know. Figures are not available, but we do not want to be assured of it that we have adequate means of defence, and, if necessary, of attack.

"We are not looking for war, but we want to be prepared. All we ask is to be given the weapon, so that if we are struck, we can strike back. Any other attitude would be beneath the pride of our race."

Disarmament is an ideal, but so long as just grievances remain unsettled and passions run high, the obvious solution is to fight for what each country considers its rights—a truth which Lord Rothermere has recently stressed in his article on Germany's African Colonies.

In England the tide of prosperity seems to have turned. There is less unemployment, more money to spend, more contentment. We do not want to sacrifice this, but we do not want, either, to lose our fighting spirit. A call to arms in this country would never fail. While a belligerent attitude is not to be encouraged, yet it would not be wise to trample our spirit underfoot and let us sink low in our own and other countries' estimation as a nation which is living on past glories.

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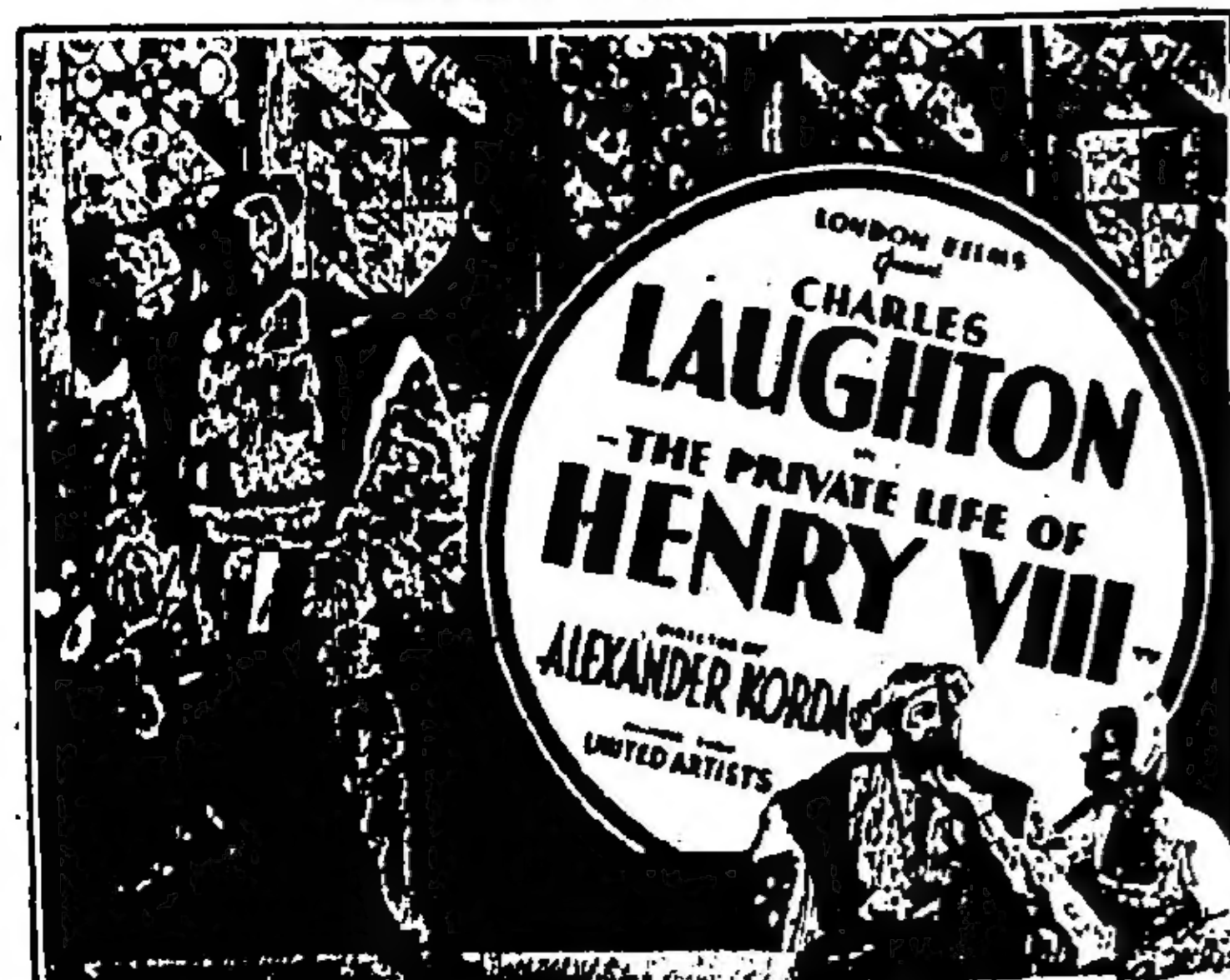
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GIANTS' BASEBALL DEFEAT

New York, To-day.

Homers by Lou Gehrig, 1931  
home run king, and Chapman en-  
abled the New York Yankees, 1932  
world champions, to beat Cleveland  
Indians by an 8 to 3 tally in the  
major league baseball programme  
yesterday. Gomez pitched brilliant-  
ly for the Yankees.

Two homers by Walters, and a  
third by Morgan, gave the Boston  
Red Sox an overwhelming victory  
over St. Louis Browns by a mar-  
gin of 14 to 2.

Chuck Klein hit a four-bagger for  
the Chicago Cubs in the National  
League, enabling them to beat the  
New York Giants, world champions,  
by 7 to 3.

The Philadelphia Phillies were  
extended to 10 innings before they  
knocked out the Reds by a 5 to 4 tally.  
Results as called by Reuter were:

	R.	H.	E.
Boston	2	11	1
Pittsburgh	9	13	0
Philadelphia	5	9	0
Allen hit a homer.			
Cincinnati	4	11	3
Hafey hit a homer. Game went to 10 innings.			
New York	3	7	0
Moore hit a homer.			
Chicago	7	12	0
Chuck Klein hit a homer.			

### BRITISH YOUTH VAGRANT.

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ARRIVES ON COOLIDGE

Appearing on a charge of va-  
grancy, George Lucas, a British  
youth, was brought before Mr.  
E. W. Hamilton at the Central  
Magistracy this morning.

The accused was stated to have  
come to the Colony from  
Japan by the s.s. President  
Coolidge last Wednesday to catch a  
freighter to Manila. He was ori-  
ginally sent by the British Consul  
in Tokyo, but, having missed the  
boat he was sent by the President  
Coolidge. Upon his arrival here  
he found that the freighter had  
left port. He was found wander-  
ing in the Colony when arrested.

Detective-Sergeant Mottram asked  
for seven days' detention,  
which was granted.

Brooklyn	7	7	2
Frey hit a homer.			
St. Louis	12	18	5
Collins hit a homer.			
American League			
Cleveland	3	4	0
Gomez pitched.			
New York	8	11	0
Lou Gehrig and Chapman hit homers.			
St. Louis	3	12	3
Philadelphia	9	12	0
Johnson hit a homer.			
Chicago	2	8	2
Boston	14	15	3
Walters (2) and Morgan (1) hit homers.			
Detroit	4	9	1
Washington	7	8	1

### YEMEN TRUCE DECLARED

Imam Agrees To Saudi's  
Conditions.

NEGOTIATIONS TO START

Jeddah, To-day.

The Saudi Government has  
officially announced truce  
with the Imam of Yemen.

The Saudi Government's state-  
ment declares that the Imam of  
Yemen has agreed to carry out  
King Ibn Saud's conditions im-  
mediately.

It adds that negotiations will  
soon begin in regard to the condi-  
tions for the peace and guarantees  
demanded by King Ibn Saud.

It is understood that the British  
Minister for the Iraq has been  
further communicating with King  
Ibn Saud.—Reuter.

### "NARCOTIC SHIRT" DISCOVERED.

Clever Ruse In Prison  
Smuggling.

New York.

A new means of getting nar-  
cotics to prisoners in the Tombs  
prison was discovered when  
Harry Green, 40, was caught  
bringing an undershirt saturat-  
ed with heroin to one of the in-  
mates. A keeper examined the  
shirt when Green appeared with  
it neatly wrapped in paper. It  
was addressed to Jack Stein, who  
is awaiting sentence on a drug-  
purveying charge.—Reuter.

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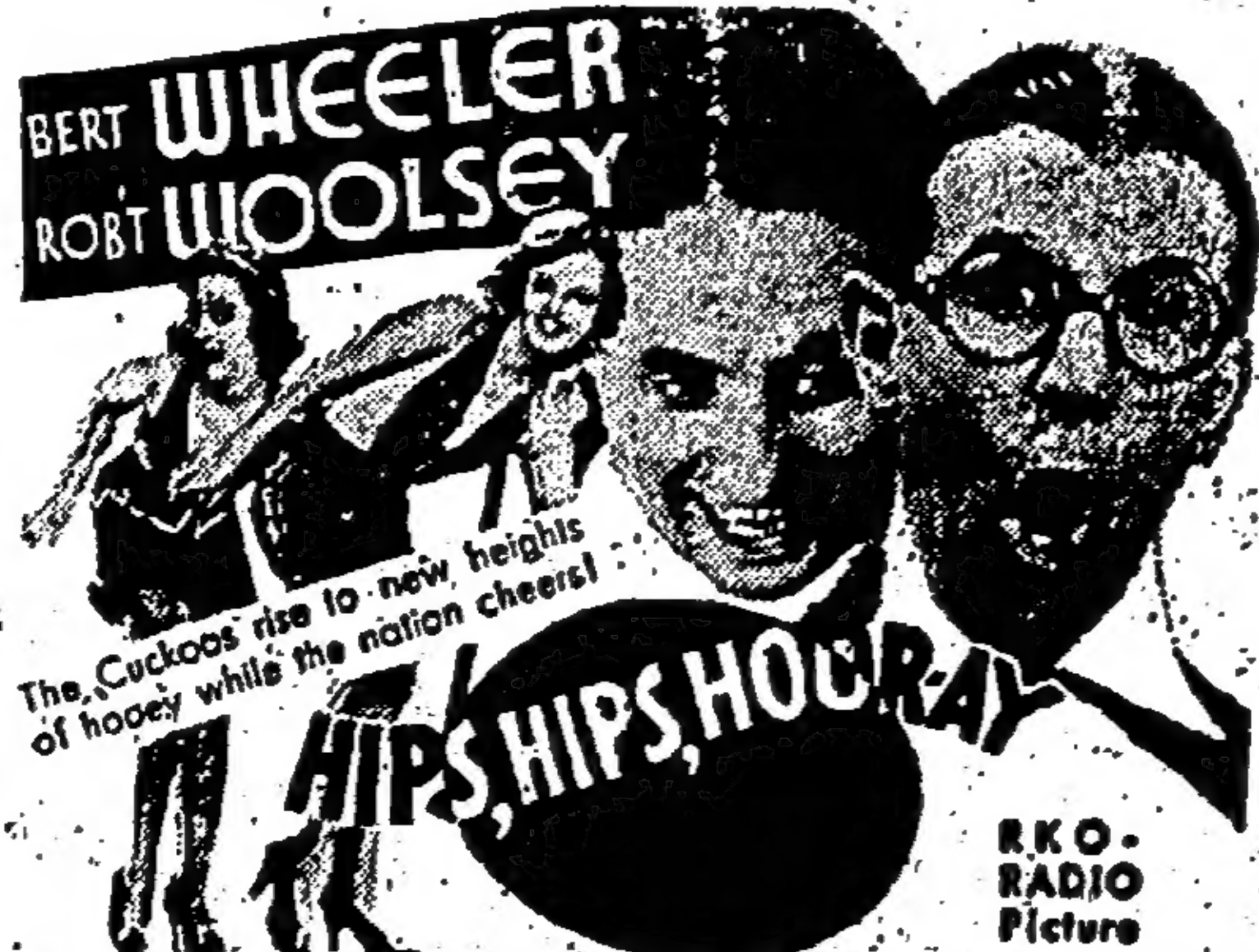
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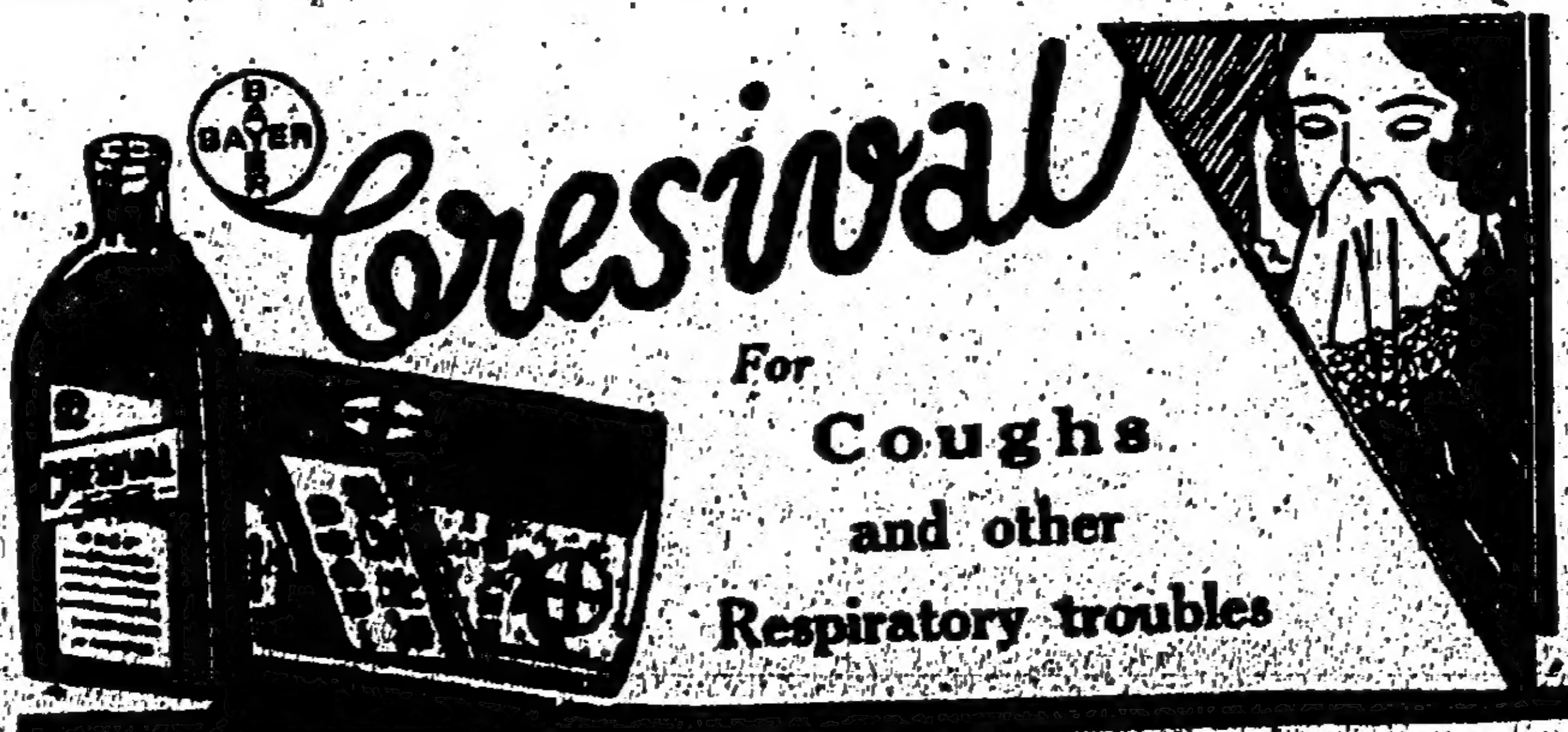
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